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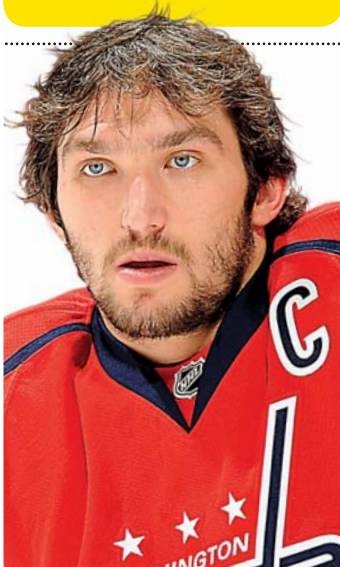
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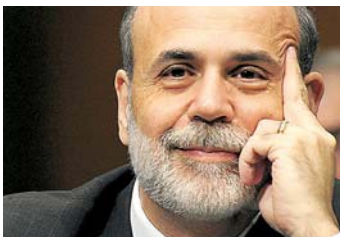


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NYC Transit is investigating a Internet video on Gothamist.com that shows a man playing with a live chicken aboard a subway. Spokesman Charles Seaton said Thursday it also was looking into whether the Tuesday incident on the uptown No. 6 train was real. The video shows the man hugging and kissing the chicken as passengers laugh. Seaton said only service animals and those in containers are permitted in the subway. (AP)

“Footwear must be worn at all times, and no nightwear is permitted.”

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Forensics Team Works To ID Bagel



An overdone bagel forced the evacuation of Portland, Ore.'s City Hall, which emptied for about 20 minutes Wednesday morning while firefighters dealt with the burning bagel in the break room of Mayor Sam Adams' office. There's no word on who burned the bagel in the toaster oven or what type of bagel it was. City commissioners were meeting at the time and joined those who took to the sidewalks. Adams apologized for the interruption. (AP)

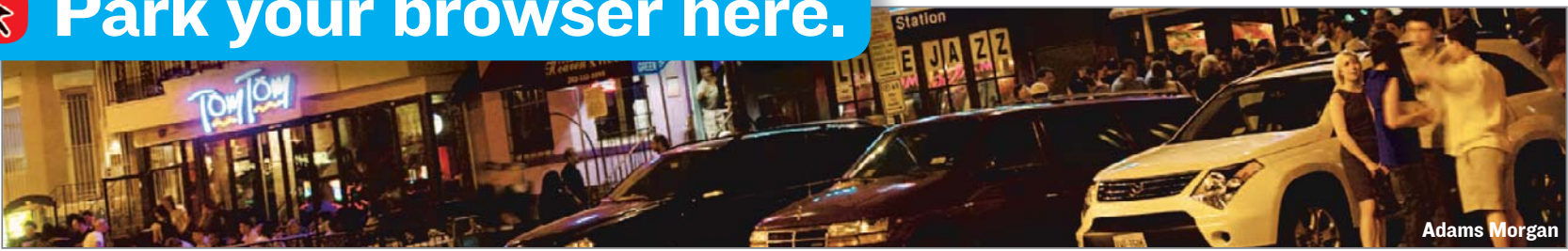
The Big Picture



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AS IF **TIGER WOODS** didn't have enough issues, rubber masks depicting the golfer are being made en masse at Ogawa Studios in Saitama, Japan. The manufacturer will introduce the masks to the local market in mid-February for the price of 2,200 yen (roughly \$24). We bet you can find one online. (EXPRESS)

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Bernanke Confirmed By Senate

Washington

Ben S. Bernanke won a second term as Federal Reserve chairman on Thursday, as 70 senators voted to confirm him for four more years as the nation's most powerful economic policymaker.

Bernanke's nomination had become uncertain recently as liberals and conservatives expressed reservations about confirming a man who has presided over the worst economic downturn in generations.

But, ultimately, a bipartisan majority of the Senate concluded that Bernanke's aggressive actions to combat the crisis, which many argued prevented the recession from becoming a depression, made up for failures by the Fed that contributed to the crisis in the first place.

Nonetheless, Bernanke was confirmed by a narrower margin than any previous Fed chairman. The previous record for the most "no" votes was Paul Volcker in 1983, when he was confirmed 84 to 16.

NEIL IRWIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Bernanke

Toyota: No Timeline on Repairs

Company scrambles to devise quick fix for flawed gas pedal

Washington

Toyota Motor Corp. said Thursday it's closing in on solutions to a gas pedal system problem, but it still had no details on when drivers would see repairs as an embarrassing recall spread to more than 2.4 million vehicles on three continents.

Toyota dealers in the U.S. have been swamped with calls from concerned owners but had few answers as the recalls snowballed. Elkhart, Ind.-based CTS Corp., which made the parts, is cranking out redesigned gas pedal assemblies that fix the problem.

Toyota engineers are developing ways to repair the pedal systems in existing cars and trucks, said spokesman Brian Lyons.

No decision has been made yet on whether to repair the pedals or to replace them altogether, he said, and he would not estimate how long it will take for customers



Raul Quecada places a "no sale" sign on a Toyota at a dealership in Alhambra, Calif.

to see action. Lyons says the automaker has not decided whether the new pedals will go first to factories so production of eight models can resume, or to dealers for modification of new cars on their lots and cars being driven by their customers.

Toyota on Thursday extended its recalls to China and Europe, deepening the massive recalls that

threatened to undermine the reputation of the world's top automaker as a manufacturer of safe, durable vehicles.

House lawmakers, meanwhile, said they intend to hold a Feb. 25 hearing to review the complaints of sudden unintended acceleration in Toyota vehicles. "Like many consumers, I am concerned by the seriousness and scope of Toyota's

Ford in the Black

Defying economic conditions that sent its U.S. rivals into bankruptcy court, Ford Motor Co. clawed its way to a \$2.7 billion profit in 2009 and expects to stay in the black in 2010, the automaker said Thursday. It is the automaker's first annual profit in four years. Ford CEO Alan Mulally said 2009 was "pivotal" but cautioned Ford has work to do. "Ford's transformation remains a work in progress and is far from complete," he said. (AP)

recent recall announcements," said House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Henry Waxman, D-Calif.

Lyons says the company's No. 1 priority is figuring out how to repair the largest number of vehicles in the least amount of time.

Repairs to the pedals still have to go through the normal durability testing to make sure they work properly, Lyons said. He would not say how long it will be until all the affected cars and trucks are fixed. (AP)



RIDICULE

You have to wonder whether there were any women in the room when the marketing gurus at Apple decided to call the company's newest gadget the "iPad"; the jokes about feminine hygiene products are flying in reaction to the product's name. Apple, a company notorious for its secrecy, declined to comment about the name or how many women were involved in the launch. Three Apple execs — all men — introduced the device Wednesday. (AP)

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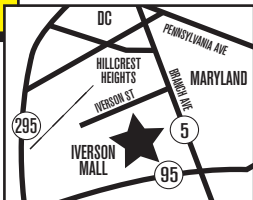


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Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito shook his head during Obama's address.

President's Verbal Jab At Court Is Questioned

Washington

Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito did not like hearing President Obama publicly criticize the high court's ruling removing corporate campaign spending limits — and he did not try to hide it.

Alito made a dismissive face, shook his head repeatedly and appeared to mouth the words “not true” or possibly “simply not true” when Obama assailed the decision Wednesday night in his State of the Union address.

White House deputy press secretary Bill Burton on Thursday defended the president's statement.

“One of the great things about our democracy is that powerful members of the government at high levels can disagree in public and private,” Burton told reporters traveling with Obama to Florida. “This is one of those cases.”

Vice President Joe Biden also sided with Obama, calling the ruling “dead wrong” and saying “we have to correct it.”

“The president didn't question the integrity of the court. He questioned the judgment of it,” Biden said. **LAURIE KELLMAN (AP)**

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Karzai Expects Long NATO Stay

Afghan president warns troops needed as allies OK exit plan

London

Afghan President Hamid Karzai warned Thursday that foreign troops must stay in his country for another decade, as world powers agreed on an exit map including a plan to persuade Taliban fighters to disarm in exchange for jobs and homes.

The conference in London was called to help the U.S. and its allies find a way out of the Afghan war amid rising U.S. and NATO casualties and falling public support.



Hamid Karzai, left, and Gordon Brown arrive for talks in London on Thursday.

NATO has agreed to accelerate the training of Afghan security forces and gradually transfer more combat responsibility to them.

The 70 nations and internation-

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The amount participants in the conference pledged to a special "reintegration fund" for Afghanistan. The "Taliban Trust Fund" is projected to top \$500 million over three years.

al organizations backed Karzai's plan to reintegrate Taliban willing to "cut ties with al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups and pursue their political goals peacefully."

Karzai will convene a peace conference within weeks to involve Afghan leaders, members of civil society groups and clerics, Afghanistan's outgoing foreign minister

Rangin Dadfar Spanta said.

"The starting premise is you don't make peace with your friends," Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said. "You have to be willing to engage with your enemies if you expect to create a situation that ends an insurgency."

The U.S. and its NATO allies are sending 37,000 more troops in a bid to blunt the Taliban's momentum, but President Obama has said he plans to start withdrawing some U.S. troops by July 2011.

In a final communique, the conference said handover of security responsibilities to Afghan forces in more peaceful provinces would begin "by late 2010/early 2011." (AP)

In Brief



Ex-French PM Dominique de Villepin speaks after his acquittal on Thursday.

PARIS

Court Acquits Former PM

A court ruled Thursday that former French prime minister Dominique de Villepin did not take part in a smear campaign against President Nicolas Sarkozy. Villepin, an ex-diplomat known for his 2003 U.N. speech urging the U.S. not to invade Iraq, quickly suggested he is setting his sights on the presidency. (AP)

TEHRAN, IRAN

Two Men Executed Over Anti-Government Acts

Iran on Thursday executed two men accused of involvement in an armed anti-government group. The two men, who were hanged, did not appear to be connected to the June postelection protests, but they were put before the same mass trial as opposition activists arrested amid the crackdown. (AP)

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

N. Korea Detains U.S. Man

North Korea said Thursday it has detained an American for illegally entering the country from China, the second arrest of a U.S. citizen it has reported in the past several weeks. The man was detained on Monday, the North's official Korean Central News Agency said. (AP)

KABUL

U.S. Soldiers Fatally Shoot Afghan Cleric

U.S. soldiers shot and killed an Afghan cleric as he drove Thursday with his young son near an American base on the edge of Kabul. The shooting occurred as Mohammad Yunus, 36, approached a highway with one of his sons, police and witnesses said. NATO said the troops fired at "what appeared to be a threatening vehicle," and promised an investigation. (AP)

Haitian Teenager's Survival Stuns Doctors

Girl rescued 15 days after quake is stable, eating and drinking

Port-au-Prince

A 16-year-old girl pulled from the rubble more than two weeks after a deadly earthquake was in stable condition Thursday and able to eat yogurt and mashed vegetables to the surprise of doctors, who said her survival was medically inexplicable.

Wednesday's rescue of teenager Darlene Etienne from a collapsed home near St. Gerard University, 15 days after Haiti's great quake killed an estimated 200,000 people, was the first such recovery since Saturday, when French rescuers extricated a man from the ruins of a hotel grocery store.

Etienne is stable, drinking water and eating, said Dr. Evelyne Lambert, who has been treating the girl



French medical staff care for Haitian earthquake survivor Darlene Etienne aboard the medical ship Siroco, off Port-au-Prince.

on the French navy hospital ship Sirocco, anchored off the coast of Port-au-Prince.

Lambert said that Etienne has a 90 percent chance of survival. "We cannot really explain this because that's just [against] biological facts,"

Lambert said. "We are very surprised by the fact that she's alive."

French search and rescue team member Dr. Claude Fuilla on Thursday described Etienne's condition as "not very lucid, but she is OK."

Etienne may have had access to

water from a bathroom of the ruined house. Rescuers said she mumbled something about having a little Coca-Cola with her in the rubble.

Experts say it's unclear how long people can survive with little or no water. (AP)



HAPPY TAILS

A dog was rescued from an ice floe in the Baltic Sea after it floated 75 miles down Poland's Vistula River and out to sea, officials said on Thursday. Ocean scientists spotted the shivering male dog they nicknamed "Baltic" on Monday. A firefighter in Grudziadz, Poland, said the dog had been seen Saturday floating on ice through the city, but firefighters could not approach him due to shifting ice sheets. Baltic's rescuers are now looking for his owners. (AP)

Metro Board Approves Fare Hike

Increase takes effect in March, will last until the end of June

Washington

Metro’s Board of Directors approved a 10-cent fare hike for all rail and bus trips on Thursday, a day after a public hearing indicated far broader support for increased fares than for any service cuts to fill Metro’s \$40 million budget gap for this fiscal year.

The fare hike will take effect on March 1 and run through the end of June, generating an additional \$10 million for the financially strapped transit agency.

Nearly 700 people spoke at a public hearing Wednesday or in



Metro board Chairman Jim Graham, left, talks with GM John Catoe, right, Thursday.

writing about revenue options, with more than half, or 55.7 percent, in favor of increasing fares. The second-largest number of respondents, or 54.6 percent, opposed any service cuts, according to Metro data. Several people commented that they would be willing to pay even

greater fare increases, as much as 20 or 50 cents per trip, to retain service.

Advocacy groups welcomed the board’s decision not to reduce service. Proposed service cuts would have lengthened time between trains to as long as half an hour and caused greater crowding on trains and buses, risking turning riders away from the service at a time when ridership is already in decline due to the economic downturn.

“We are relieved that the Metro board didn’t cut service,” said Cheryl Court of the Coalition for Smarter Growth. “This would have left tens of thousands of riders stranded and sent many commuters back to face traffic jams in their cars.” ANN SCOTT TYSON (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Less Costly Md. Divorce Proceedings Proposed

Annapolis, Md.

A Maryland lawmaker wants to allow courts to grant divorces to couples after they go a year without having sex, instead of forcing them to live apart during the waiting period.

Montgomery County Delegate Luiz Simmons is behind the legislation. Simmons, an attorney, says he’s backing the measure to ease the initial financial burden for couples seeking a mutual, uncontested divorce.

Maryland divorce law currently requires many couples to live separately for a year before they can receive an uncontested divorce.

Simmons says the cost of that requirement can be very challenging for some couples, especially when both parties must live in places large enough to accommodate children. (AP)

The Lotteries

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Mid-day Pick 3	9-4-8
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Mid-day Pick 4	9-7-2-7
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	7-0-1-2
Match 5 (Wed.)	2-6-10-17-39 (15)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	2-5-12-29-31-35

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	7-7-3
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	9-3-0
Mid-day DC 4	0-8-8-5
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	8-2-8-1
Mid-day D.C. Five	5-4-3-5-3
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	8-9-3-2-5
Daily 6 (Wed.)	7-15-18-22-24-37 (23)
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	1-2-4-9-10 (2)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	4-4-1
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	8-6-2
Mid-day Pick 4	0-2-5-4
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	1-2-0-5
Mid-day Cash 5	9-12-14-19-21
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	3-15-18-28-32
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OK, you do have to stay in your transportation crate the whole 14½-hour flight, but there are worse ways, it seems, for a giant panda to get to China. And officials at the National Zoo indicated Thursday that if their panda boy must go, he's going first class.

One week before the scheduled departure of panda throb Tai Shan for a new home in the mountains of central China, officials of the zoo and FedEx took time to describe exactly how he will get there.

Tai Shan will fly Feb. 4 nonstop from Washington Dulles International Airport aboard a giant FedEx 777F air freighter. The plane will be mostly empty, reserved especially for him and one other panda making the trip, and have big black and white panda logos painted on its fuselage.

“There will be no mistake about the precious cargo,” said John G. Dunavant, a FedEx vice president who was at the zoo Thursday.

Tai Shan, 4, is the only giant panda born at the zoo to survive beyond infancy, and his departure is breaking the hearts of panda fans across the region. His 8,642-mile airplane journey will take him out over the Atlantic Ocean, across northern Europe and Russia, and on to Chengdu, China, near his new home, according to a spokesman for FedEx, which is donating the flight and other logistical services.

The trip has been carefully planned and partly rehearsed, zoo officials said.

Tai Shan will be accompanied by longtime keeper Nicole Meese and



National Zoo visitors watch Tai Shan in action on Thursday. The giant panda is slated to be shipped to China next Thursday.

KATHERINE FREY/TWP

zoo veterinarian Nancy Boedeker. He will be kept in a special transportation crate, built by FedEx of steel bars and clear plastic, that is about 8 feet long, 4 feet wide and 5 feet high.

No longer a cuddly cub, Tai Shan is now a rangy 184-pound cruiser-weight with claws that look like lion's teeth. He is also highly motivated by food, and the zoo is sending along 50 pounds of bamboo, and assorted pears — his favorite — apples and cooked sweet potatoes for the trip.

Zoo officials said he will be coaxed into the travel crate early in the morning, loaded onto a truck, and driven at about 9 a.m. to the airport with a police escort. There, he will meet up with Mei Lan, 3, a female giant panda from the Atlanta zoo who is also being sent to China.

His arrival is set for the afternoon of Feb. 5. Once in Chengdu, Tai Shan will be taken by truck on a 2½-hour drive to the Bifengxia Panda Base, just outside the city of Ya'an, which will be his new home. Mei Lan will be taken to different panda preserve, officials said. MICHAEL E. RUANE (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Panda Mania

On July 9, 2005, a star was born at the National Zoo. From his days as a butter stick-size infant to the nearly 200-pound panda he is today, Tai Shan has found a special place in

Washingtonians' hearts. He's graced countless newspaper and magazine covers, been the subject of a documentary and become the inspiration for the fan club Pandas Unlimited. D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty once called the Tai Shan Washington's most important citizen, as the bear has drawn millions to the zoo since his public debut on Dec. 8, 2005 — and tens of millions to the zoo's panda cams. “I just think he's our national treasure,” Panda fan Roxann Sykes of Arlington County told The Washington Post. “He's been such a gift.” (EXPRESS/TWP)



Goodbye Party

The National Zoo is planning a celebration for Tai Shan on Saturday — with Sunday as a backup date should there be inclement weather. Among the festivities:

- The Land O'Lakes Butterstick Tribute will feature pictures of Tai Shan through the years.
- Kids will be able to make a goodbye card for Tai Shan at the FedEx Card Delivery Station. The card will travel with the panda to China.
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- And, of course, Tai Shan will receive a cake at 1:30 p.m.

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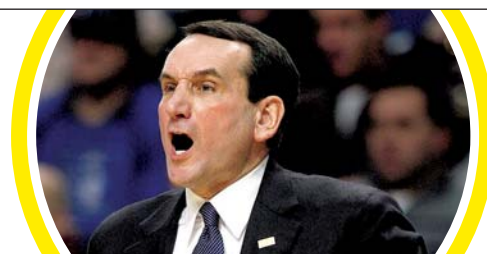
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Ravens running back Ray Rice will suit up for the AFC in the Pro Bowl Sunday.

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7 P.M. Can the Caps make it nine in a row when hosting the Florida Panthers? CSN

8 P.M. The Wizards meet a team worse than they are: the New Jersey Nets. CSN+

Saturday

3:30 A.M. Serena Williams faces Justine Henin for the Australian Open championship. ESPN2

NOON The streaking George Mason's basketball team faces James Madison. CSN

1 P.M. Georgetown's men's basketball team steps out of the conference to play Duke. CBS

8 P.M. The Wizards take on the New York Knicks. CSN

Sunday

3 P.M. The Capitals host the Tampa Bay Lightning in a matinee. NBC

3:30 P.M. One of the NBA's great rivalries is renewed when the Los Angeles Lakers visit the Boston Celtics. ABC

5:30 P.M. Maryland's men's basketball looks to cement its ACC lead against Clemson. CSN

7:20 P.M. For the first time, the Pro Bowl is played the week before the Super Bowl. ESPN

7:30 P.M. The surprising Virginia Cavaliers men's basketball team visits struggling North Carolina. CSN

A Really Great Eight

The Caps have been dominating during their winning streak

The Capitals

Back on Jan. 10, a day after his Washington Capitals had pounded Atlanta, 8-1, owner Ted Leonsis decided it was appropriate to show a little mercy toward the opponent.

"A win is a win, but I would rather beat teams 2-1 than 8-1," Leonsis wrote on his blog, Ted's Take.

The Capitals responded — at least partially — to their owner's request by winning eight of their next nine games, including eight straight heading into this weekend's home games against Florida



7 P.M. | CSN
Friday

Friday and Tampa Bay Sunday.

The eight consecutive wins matched the franchise's longest winning streak since the 1983-84 season when the team won 10-straight games.

But, despite Leonsis' call for leniency, just two of those wins have come by a one-goal margin, and the Capitals are outscoring the opposition, 41-18, including lopsided victories over Toronto (6-1), the New York Islanders (7-2) and Anaheim (5-1).



NICK WASS/AP

Alex Ovechkin has hardly been alone in finding the net of late. Only one non-goaltender hasn't scored for the Capitals in the past eight games.

Capital Gains

Washington's current run is among the best in franchise history as the team aims to march toward its first Stanley Cup.

1989

The last time the Capitals won eight-straight games in a season

5.1 The average number of goals scored per game by the Capitals, who now have a league-leading 202 this season

15 The number of Capitals who have scored a goal during the winning streak

21 The Caps' points lead in the Southeast Division race, the largest in franchise history

The scariest part of all is that almost every single player seems to be hitting his stride at the same time. In the last 11 games (of which Washington has won 10), defenseman Jeff Schultz is the only non-goaltender who has not scored a goal. "We're playing as well as we've played as a team since I've been here," said coach Bruce Boudreau.

Now, with his team running on all cylinders heading into the Olympic break, even Leonsis can't hold back his enthusiasm any longer.

"We are witnessing ... a run of games where we are truly dominant and performing to expectations, if not exceeding expectations," he wrote Thursday. MARK GIANNOTTO



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Well, at least there won't be any hecklers. The bleachers will be barren Friday at a high school basketball doubleheader between Seneca and Daniel in the town of Central, S.C. Officials say no fans will be allowed in because of safety concerns. Seneca Police Chief John Covington says he supports the decision because disturbances and violence have recently been spilling into the parking lot and neighborhoods after games. (AP)

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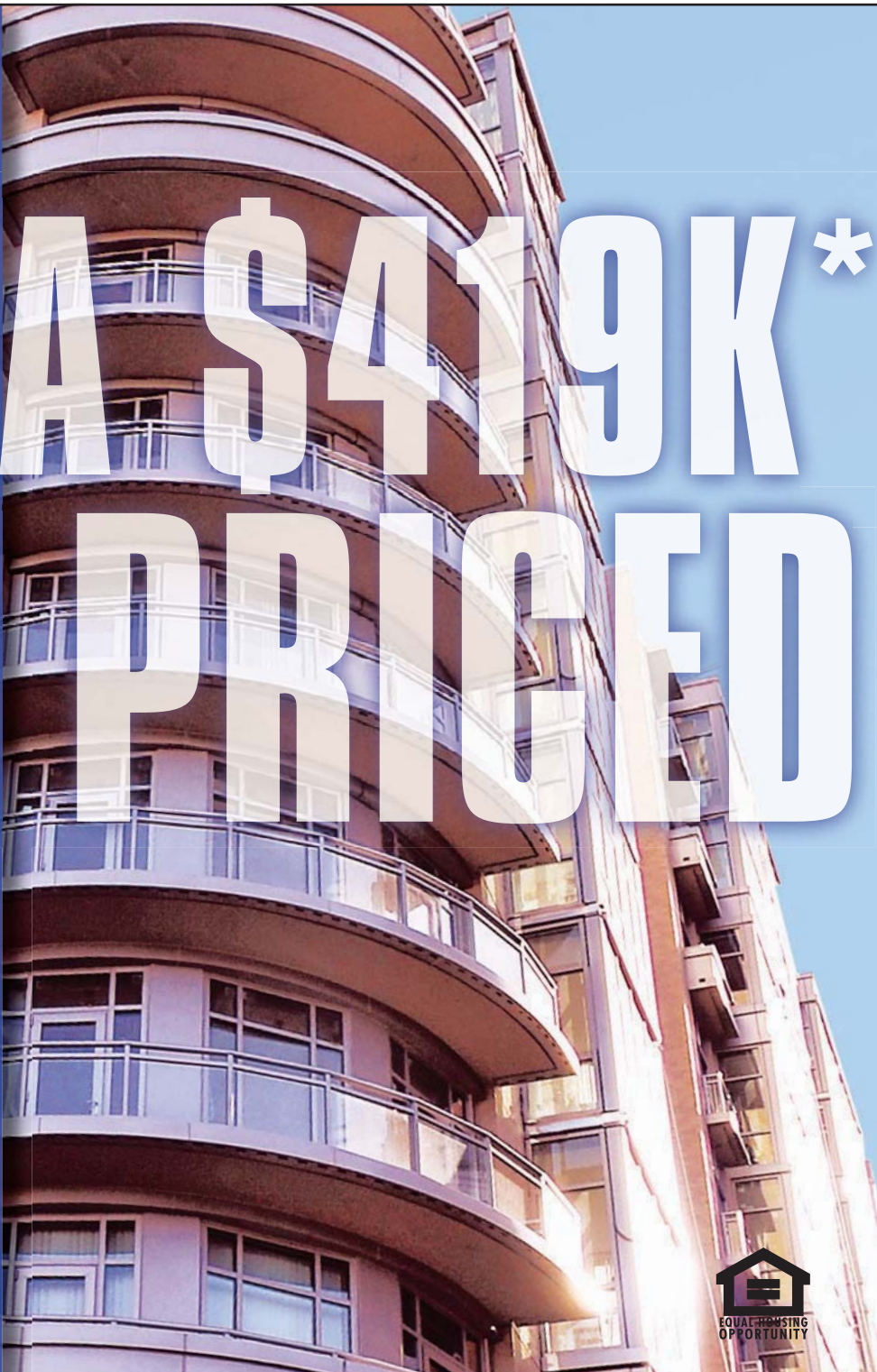
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An Essential Ingredient

Open kitchens with gourmet-caliber gear entice home buyers who enjoy cooking

If it's football season and the Steelers are playing, chances are decent that Logan Circle resident Noah Raizman is whipping up tailgating treats for 20 or 30 friends. A surgical resident by day but home chef and amateur mixologist by hobby, Raizman's football parties — complete with "big, hearty dishes people can tuck into," from vats of stew to roasted pork shoulders — are a feat made possible thanks

to a kitchen that makes his foodie friends drool.

"The kitchen is integrated into the social space, so I can cook and work in the kitchen, but watch the game and talk to people at the same time," says Raizman, 32.

When Raizman bought his renovated two-bedroom apartment in the Hawarden Cooperative in 2006, its kitchen had just been upgraded with built-in appliances and what many might call the holy grail of kitchen perks — a six-burner gas stove atop a 5-foot-long island, capped with an exhaust hood.

"I took one look at the kitchen as I opened the door and just fell



Surgical resident and amateur chef Noah Raizman prizes his well-equipped kitchen.

in love," he says. The island multitasks as bar, buffet and centerpiece where clusters of partygoers often gravitate.

Indeed, the cliché that great parties inevitably end up in the kitchen has never been truer. "In the past, a kitchen was where you brought a caterer in, or had some type of help. Now, the preparing of the meal is part of the entertainment of the evening," says Andrew Riguzzi, a real estate agent for DCREal Estate.com. "Instead of being embarrassed about your kitchen, now your friends and family gather around while you prepare the meal, and it's interactive."

As lifestyles have become more casual, designers have responded with an evolution from tucked-away kitchens to open floor plans.

The mod kitchens at Harvard



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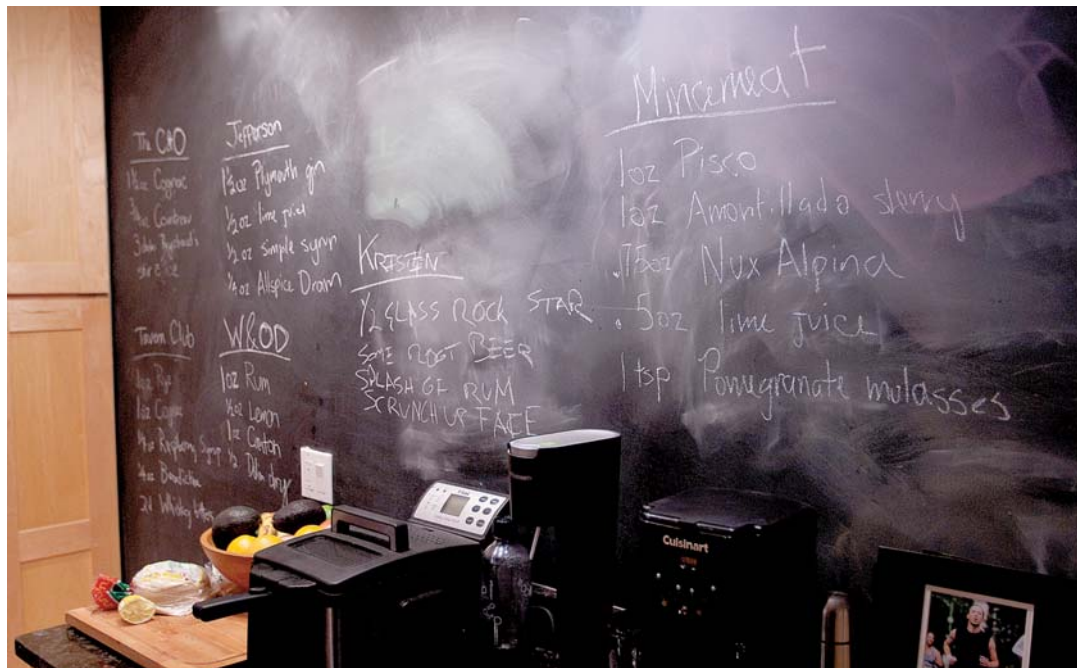
Lofts (Harvardloft.com) in Columbia Heights, a new 12-unit condo building where prices range from \$315,000 to \$875,000, feature stainless-steel Bosch appliances, sleek lacquer-front Porcelanosa cabinets and integrated gas ranges. Plus, the kitchens were set up to maximize storage space (opting for more drawers than cabinets for easier access) and flow seamlessly into the living spaces.

“People don’t want to feel like they’re being closed off from their family or guests by being in narrow, walled-in galley kitchens — especially in condos where living spaces may be smaller,” says Robert Crawford, a real estate agent for Hounshell Real Estate (Hounshellrealestate.com). “The fewer the walls, the better.”

In fact, Crawford says most condo buyers today not only prefer an open kitchen — they expect one. “If buyers see a unit with a closed-off kitchen, the first thing they ask is whether it’s a load-bearing wall and if they can take it down,” he says.

The advent of open kitchens has caused a ripple effect throughout the market. With appliances and kitchen gadgets on full display, fancy finishes have also joined the list of today's must-haves.

At ultra-chic Turnberry Tower (Turnberrytowerarlington.com) in Arlington, condo buyers are tempted with unfinished designer-ready spaces that boast huge kitchens outfitted with luxe Snaidero Italian cabinetry, Miele appliances, Sub-



Noah Raizman covered one of the walls in his Logan Circle kitchen with blackboard paint. He uses the space to jot down recipes.

Zero refrigerators, granite-topped islands and even double dishwashers in some units.

"The kitchen is such a focal point today," says Jim Cohen, vice president of sales for Turnberry, where prices range from the \$600s to more than \$4.5 million. "When people first walk into one of our apartments, the view is almost secondary. They turn right towards the kitchen."

With the spotlight on kitchens, Cohen says, luxury condos are trending toward kitchen cabinetry that looks more like beautiful custom furniture. That sleek aesthetic appealed to attorney Shauna Alonge, 53, who moved into her two-bed-



Raizman, who often cooks for friends before Steelers games, makes red chile posole.

“Instead of being embarrassed about your kitchen, now your friends and family gather around while you prepare the meal.”

—ANDREW RIGUZZI, DCREALESTATE.COM

room-plus-den condo at Turnberry last November. (And bucking current trends, Alonge was thrilled Turnberry offered traditional kitchens — with walls — in addition to open floor plans. “Cooking can be messy,” she explains.)

But it's not just top-tier buildings that favor modern kitchens. Velocity (Velocitycapitol.com), a

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new mid-market building near Nationals Park in Southeast D.C. with studios starting in the low \$300s, offers a trio of kitchen options that mix and match contemporary and traditional finishes. Units come bedecked with wood cabinets, metallic and granite backsplashes, built-in pantries and functional islands.

"Open kitchens are universally popular, not just with first-time buyers but with move-up buyers as

well," notes Ann Scully, the marketing manager for Velocity and executive vice president of the Mayhood Company. "It's more of a family room-type atmosphere rather than being so formal. Almost all product is designed like that today."

For move-up buyers David Evans, a 53-year-old photographer/film producer, and Sam Shon, a 39-year-old video editor, a swankier kitchen was one of the best upgrades in their new place. The couple recently moved out of a small Thomas Circle condo and into a two-bedroom-plus-den condo at the Murano (Muran-

odc.com) near U Street. In the process, they swapped a tiny kitchen (in what was once an elevator shaft) for a sweeping space in the Murano that opens to the living/dining area, complete with a two-tiered black granite-topped island, Sub-Zero fridge, under-counter lights and self-closing doors and drawers.

In fact, Evans and Shon are so excited about their new digs they've resolved to sharpen their long-dormant culinary skills at an area cooking school. "We weren't inspired by our other kitchen," Evans says. **KATIE KNOROVSKY**

Appetizing Extras



A condo in D.C.'s Velocity condo building boasts an open kitchen with an island.

Recipe for a Sizzling Setup

To a generation that DVRs shows on Food Network, the old kitchen standards (stainless-steel microwaves, granite-like countertops) are mere starting points. The area's ritziest kitchens offer an assortment of upmarket perks sure to make home chefs — and resale-conscious buyers — swoon.

► **Gas Stove:** In the kitchen, a gas range separates the serious cooks from the posers. "People are almost turning their noses at electric ranges — they really want that chef's caliber," says Robert Crawford, a real estate agent for Hounshell Real Estate.

► **Kitchen Island:** Forget those old-fashioned wall barriers. One of the most coveted kitchen highlights today is an island, a prime amenity for extra storage, food prep and a natural spot to gather.

► **Exhaust Hood:** "Whether or not [homeowners] ever cook, a hood is just very restaurant-like," Crawford says. "A hood tends to say, 'This kitchen is money.'"

► **Countertops:** Though granite countertops are still pervasive, swank marble coverings are very in vogue, Crawford says, as are poured concrete countertops, a unique and durable option.

► **Cabinets That Look Like Furniture:** Cabinet-depth refrigerators and paneled appliances blend seamlessly into the aesthetic. (Save your magnetic poetry for another outlet.)

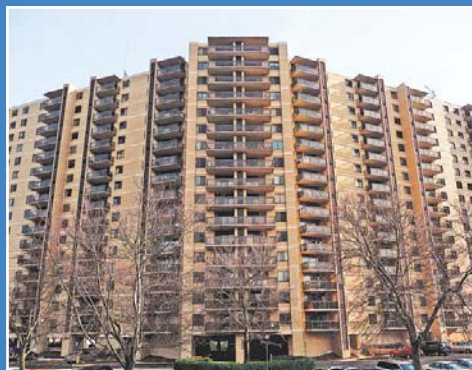
► **Backsplash:** From glass mosaic tile to marble, a glossy backsplash can give an otherwise average kitchen its "wow" factor. "It may only cost \$1,000, but makes a \$10,000 impression," Crawford says.

► **High-end Appliances:** Top brand names such as Bosch, Viking, Sub-Zero, Wolf, Snaidero and Miele have emerged as real estate listings gold, says Andrew Riguzzi, a real estate agent for DCREalEstate.com. "D.C. is an ego-driven town," he says. "Everyone wants the best of the best." **K.K.**



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Meral Karasulu's stacked-stone fireplace is the focal point of her new living room.

A World Away From a Remodel

A D.C. homeowner and an architect defy long-distance odds in a dazzling renovation

Adams Morgan condo owner Meral Karasulu was a renovation veteran. Architect Andreas Charalambous of Washington's Forma Design was professionally seasoned. So, the two decided to attempt the construction equivalent of a high-wire act: They would gut Karasulu's two-story, three-bedroom apartment near Meridian Hill Park while she was finishing the last six months of a two-year assignment to Korea.

Just about everyone knows what a complicated dance renovations are, even when client, designers and contractors are all in the same

city. There are design plans to formulate, finish materials to choose, electricians, carpenters, drywallers and perhaps stonemasons to schedule and coordinate.

For the pros, renovations require daily attention. For Karasulu and her architect, a lot of these details were worked out by e-mail and phone, with Karasulu in Seoul and Charalambous in Washington. That was made possible by the strong working relationship the two had forged while renovating a previous apartment.

Karasulu's Korea posting was not a one-time thing. The 43-year-old economist for the International Monetary Fund had been traveling there for nine years doing economic surveys. All the while,

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Global Touch

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her appreciation of the Asian sense of interior space was growing, to the point where she wanted to have the serenity of “Zen minimalism” in her own home back in Washington.

Looking around the combined living and dining areas on a recent afternoon, Karasulu seemed to revel in the open space. The south wall of the living room is marked by French doors that give onto a long balcony. In the distance, the Washington Monument peeks up over the rooftops. “I don’t like confined spaces,” she said. “This is great space. Why block it?”

The Turkish-born Karasulu listed the walls that she and Charalambous took down, including



Karasulu, who had been traveling to Korea for the last nine years as part of her job, wanted to incorporate an Asian sense of “Zen minimalism” in her Washington home.

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walls and columns that boxed in the dining room, thereby cutting off the kitchen from the southern light.

In reassembling the main floor, the two created a kind of utility cube starting near the front door. It contains closets and a powder room, and serves as one wall of the hyper-efficient galley kitchen off to the right.

Upstairs, they removed a wall of shallow closets that led to the master bedroom. That change opened up the hallway and made the whole second floor feel more airy. The wall between the two south-facing bedrooms was also removed, making one large guest room and painting studio for Karasulu.

Throughout the apartment, doorways soar all the way to the ceiling, making the spaces seem at once more open and more connected to one another.

“Everything flows — the air, the energy,” Karasulu said.

From their earlier project together, Charalambous knew Karasulu to be a prodigious researcher intensely interested in design details. “We can have conversations about [design] things,” he said. “She was very specific about what she wanted.” Charalambous, London-born of Greek-Cypriot parents, even visited Karasulu

in Korea and Beijing, where she was able to show him the kinds of spaces and feeling she liked.

The result, he said, was an interior that was “about change, flexibility and surprises.”

But what kinds of features did Karasulu want? Things such as

Karasulu had just found a stone for her fireplace when Charalambous e-mailed her to suggest using the same material.

the dry-heat infrared sauna she became addicted to in Korea. (She found a Clearlight sauna from California that costs \$3,395 to \$4,500 depending on size.) And the sleek Arne Jacobsen-designed Vola faucets and shower system in the master bath. A kitchen backsplash of back-painted glass, which she first saw in Korea. And the hidden LED lights that let the white glass glow purple or green or yellow, according to her mood.

Proof of how aligned in their thinking client and architect were is the fireplace. Both agreed to ditch its old-fashioned mantelpiece in favor of a more modern statement. Now



a monumental stacked-stone fireplace surround is the focal point of the living room. Karasulu had just found the stone while Googling one night in Seoul when Charalambous e-mailed her to suggest using the same stone, Sentousai porcelain mosaic from the Japanese company Inax, which he had used in another project. They procured the stone from the Stone Source showroom in Washington.

Being half a world away during the remodel did have its benefits. Karasulu didn't have to live through the eight months of plumbing and electrical installations (including a whole-house Bose sound system, a "boys' toy" aimed at eventual resale). She never crossed paths with stone workers, carpenters, floor installers or the

ironsmith called in to handle the stair railing. But she was hands-on in finding products and balancing priorities.

Her major extravagance: the kitchen outfitted with more than \$30,000 worth of appliances and cabinets from Poliform Washington by Sagart Studio.

Karasulu did find some economies, however. The kitchen's LED lights came from Ikea. And, instead of spending \$9,000 for a wall of curtains, she tapped Ikea again for gauzy linen that keeps the look light and airy.

Ditto the display shelf on the living room wall made of wenge wood, a striking African hardwood notable for its dark striping. The Ikea shelf coordinates perfectly with the custom-made wenge cabinets

that flank the fireplace.

The low-slung red B&B Italia sofa came from her last apartment — and she purchased it in Milan, where it was about 35 percent cheaper, even after factoring in international freight charges. That nod to the budget allowed her to add the latest Zen touch to her living room, felted-wool "boulder" seats that resemble river stones found in Japanese gardens (\$298 to \$595 each at Vivaterra.com).

So, Italian sofa and kitchen cabinets, African wood, Korean sauna, Greek-Cypriot architect, Asian influences. What about Karasulu's roots? Standing in her sleek new kitchen, the former Istanbul university professor looked around, then grinned: "My cooking's Turkish!"

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The "utility cube" near the front door of Meral Karasulu's Adams Morgan condo contains closets and a powder room. It also forms one wall of Karasulu's kitchen.

H Street Takes a U-Turn

Restaurants and bars along the Northeast corridor spark new interest in the area

Mischa and Chrystina Levin's search for their first home lasted five months, during which they looked at more than 60 properties. Their long hunt ended when they found a four-bedroom rowhouse on Northeast D.C.'s H Street corridor.

"Petworth, Columbia Heights, LeDroit Park, Capitol Hill, Shaw — we looked everywhere," explained Mischa, 32. "The H Street corridor



The addition of shops, bars and restaurants near Northeast D.C.'s H Street corridor has made the area a desirable place to live.

wake of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968. Only in the past few years have many of the storefronts that stood vacant for decades come back to life.

Elise Bernard, 30, has witnessed this resurgence. The Oklahoma native moved to the area in 2003 and soon after started Frozen Tropics, a neighborhood blog that has become an authoritative sounding board for H Street and neighboring Trinidad.

"A friend recently sent me a Craigslist ad that advertised a property within walking distance of the H Street corridor," Bernard said. "It's funny because being within walking distance of the H Street corridor used to be the kiss of death!"

Bernard noted that the transformation started in earnest when District restaurateur Joe Englert came to the area. Englert, who owns bars across the city, has opened some of H Street's most popular establishments — including the hipster mecca Rock and Roll Hotel; the H Street Country Club, where beach boardwalk games such as Skee-Ball and mini golf are in high demand; and Dr. Granville Moore's, a Belgian-themed gastropub that may be the area's biggest draw.

"First there was Adams Morgan, then there was U Street, and the next U Street will be H Street."

— MISCHA LEVIN, OWNER OF A ROWHOUSE ON THE H STREET CORRIDOR

"Joe was able to convince people to come here when they otherwise probably wouldn't have," Bernard said. "Granville Moore's was on the Food Network, and now people are actually coming to the area to sightsee."

Evidence of the neighborhood's growing popularity could also be seen at this year's H Street Festival in September. Thousands attended the daylong event, which stretched for blocks and showcased the area's diverse offerings. The line pouring

is actually one of the few neighborhoods in D.C. where young couples can afford to buy a home."

The Levins closed on their house, near Seventh and K streets NE, in July. The property is not without its faults. (They are negotiating with the city to remove a light pole in the back that prevents the couple from being able to park their car.) But their choice to invest in this transitional neighborhood is indicative of a larger trend.

Long characterized by vacant storefronts and used hypodermic needles, the H Street corridor is experiencing a renaissance punctuated by a growing bar and restaurant scene, and a housing inventory that is attracting young professionals who have been priced out of other sections of the city. Even though the commercial corridor extends for only about five blocks, new businesses are sprouting and widening the neighborhood's reach.

The roller-coaster ride H Street has taken over the past half-century or so has been well documented. In the 1940s and '50s, it was one of the District's more popular destinations for shopping and high-end restaurants. Like other downtown neighborhoods, the area took a notable turn for the worse after being ravaged by the riots in the

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Examples of such large-scale development are few, though, and prospective home buyers looking near H Street are mainly limited to single-family rowhomes.

"There are a lot of first-time home buyers purchasing in the area who are taking advantage of rehab loan products, as well as investors who are grabbing up total rehab projects to bring back on the market," said Jason Martin, an agent with Keller Williams Realty. "Across the board, people are really starting to take to the area." Martin said 32 properties are under contract and 31 others have sold in the past 90 days.

While people are coming to the

area, some wonder how they are going to get around once they are there. One regular complaint is that the neighborhood does not have a Metro station. The closest ones are Union Station and New York Avenue, both about a mile away.

That said, the area is serviced by the X1, X2, 90, 92 and 93 bus lines and the H Street shuttle, which ferries people between the neighborhood and Gallery Place seven nights a week.

Also, one of the more exciting public transit developments to hit the city in recent memory is the planned return of streetcars to H Street. While construction has already begun on the new line, there remain a number of planning hurdles before it becomes a reality.

Despite its growing popularity, the neighborhood can still seem rough around the edges. Away from the five-block commercial stretch, the side streets can be deserted, and more than one resident complained about the amount of trash littering the sidewalks and streets.

Even though the public transportation options are limited and commercial and nightlife options along H Street are dwarfed by those in some of the city's more established ZIP codes, there are those who believe that the area is on the cusp of maturing from trendy to fully mainstream.

"First there was Adams Morgan, then there was U Street, and the next U Street will be H Street," Mischa Levin said. **MARK WELLBORN**
(FOR THE WASHINGTON POST)

Customers relax with drinks and plates of fresh sushi at H Street's Sticky Rice.

out of Taylor, a new gourmet deli that specializes in Italian hoagies, only seemed to get longer as the hours passed, and getting an outdoor table on the crowded patio of the H Street Country Club required a fair amount of patience.

The neighborhood is not all new bars and restaurants, and a number of establishments considered local landmarks are still alive and well. The Atlas Performing Arts Center has been providing the community with theater and music performances since 2001, and the Argonaut, one of the pioneering bars in the neighborhood, is still serving discounted beers and sweet potato fries at happy hour.

Local developers are taking notice. Jim Abdo's Senate Square development at Third and H streets in the former Children's Museum building has been credited with providing an initial housing spark for the area. (One of its residents is former D.C. mayor Anthony A. Williams.) Condo sales began in 2005, but the building converted to rental apartments in late 2007. One-bedroom apartments are available starting at \$1,695 a month, and two-bedroom units start at \$2,050.

A parcel of land one block to the east is slated for a new 200-unit apartment building with a grocery store on the ground floor. Steuart

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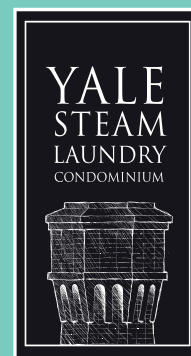
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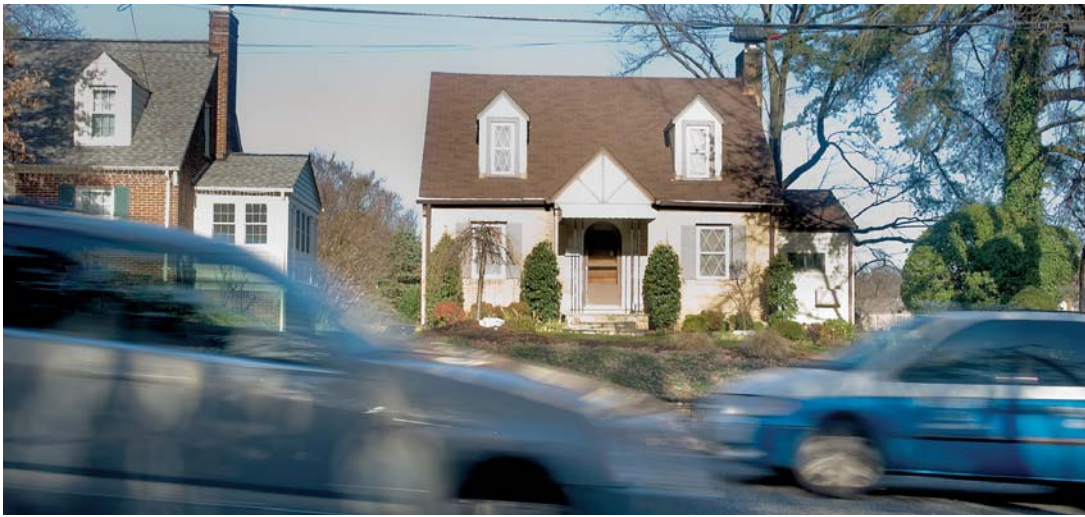
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Life Near the Fast Lane

Some find the perks of an address on a main road outweigh a noisy neighborhood

Russell Baum owns a three-bedroom colonial in a desirable neighborhood in Arlington. The brick house has hardwood floors, a fireplace and a separate garage, and is close to restaurants, a post office and a library. However, that's not all it's close to — the property faces Washington Boulevard, a bustling commuter route.

"You're bucking the conventional wisdom when you buy a main-road



Cars rush past homes on Arlington's Washington Boulevard. Living on a busy roadway can be noisy, but it also has advantages.

SARAH L. VOISIN/ITWP

For her, the economics were worth the annoyances of living on a busy road, including the wait to pull out of the driveway into traffic and motorists who knocked on her door when they broke down.

"As an agent, I was more concerned about the investment," she said. "I wouldn't have gotten the same return on another house."

Homes on a busy road are almost always priced less than similar properties, which can put an otherwise unaffordable neighborhood, school district or type of home within financial reach.

Real estate appraiser Wayne Wallace said, on average, he deducts 10 to 12 percent for a property on a main thoroughfare. But he said there are notable exceptions.

Condos are almost always more valuable if they're on a main road, Wallace said.

And in a bull market, an appraiser might not deduct from the house's value at all.

"When the market is busy like it was three or four years ago, people want anything they can get," Wallace said.

"If you don't have small kids, a yard near a busy road may not matter at all."

— **CHUCK RUOFF**, REAL ESTATE AGENT FOR D.C. REALTY GROUP

The type of road, too, can make a big difference. A busy city thoroughfare might be more attractive than a suburban street that gets a lot of traffic, said Wallace, a Silver Spring-based appraiser for nearly 40 years.

"There are times when being on a busy road could be a plus," he said.

Besides price, there are other perks for those living on the main drag, including very visible "For Sale" signs, easy walks to Metro stations and great seats for Fourth of July parades, said Dan Nesemeier, an agent with Weichert Realtors.

He should know — he lives on Gallows Road in Northern Virginia. "I have a bus stop in front of my

house," said Baum, a Foreign Service officer now selling his home.

Life on the highway, whether it's in the shadow of a Beltway sound wall or along a city thoroughfare, isn't for everyone. But there are advantages to living near the road more traveled, real estate experts say.

Such homes are often priced below comparable houses off the beaten path. They are convenient, shaving commuting time. And they can be more peaceful than you might think. Some owners even say the hum of the traffic sounds a bit like ocean surf.

Still, it's important to consider the realities of living with a main street, or even a four-lane highway, as a next-door neighbor, according to property owners and real estate experts.

Someone looking at a house along a busy road should see the property during peak traffic times, for example. Parking may be a significant consideration. And it's especially important for buyers to research state and local transportation plans.

"You need to know what's on the books," said Barbara Ciment, a real estate agent who lived on busy Kemp Mill Road in Wheaton for 25 years. "Make the call. You need to hear for yourself."

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house,” he said.

Ciment said she liked that snow-plows came by her house first when she lived on Kemp Mill Road.

There are other reasons, of course, that sellers often have to discount homes near a main road.

Air quality is one: In July, the Environmental Protection Agency announced a \$1.4 million joint study with the University of Michigan on the health effects of air pollution on children living close to busy thoroughfares.

Large-scale transportation plans, such as new on-ramps and off-ramps for the Intercounty Connector now under construction in Maryland, may also have a significant effect on properties nearby.

Not that there’s no warning when road construction does



SARAH L. VOISINTWP

Homes on busy streets are usually sold for lower prices than similar properties.

infringe on a nearby house; transportation departments have multi-year plans, and property owners have plenty of warning. “There are a lot of public meetings,” says Joe Miklochik, director of the Office of Real Estate for the Maryland State Highway Administration.

When a road project will affect a homeowner, it generally involves either temporary access to a yard or the taking of a slice of the property, rather than bulldozing houses.

“Ninety percent are partial acquisitions,” Miklochik said.

For buyers who like the convenience and affordability of a home near a high-traffic area but want to mitigate the less desirable aspects, there are solutions, property owners and real estate agents say. Fencing and landscaping, for example,

can make a big difference.

“A lot of noise is psychological,” said Paul Kohler, a Virginia Department of Transportation official. “If you see it, you hear it.”

Fast-growing cypress trees, well-insulated windows and a quality fence can go a long way toward selling a home, real estate agents say.

So much of a person’s happiness living alongside a busy road depends on priorities and perspective, said Chuck Ruoff, an agent with the Coldwell Banker affiliate D.C. Realty Group.

“Different things appeal to different people,” Ruoff said. “If you don’t have small kids, a yard near a busy road may not matter at all. You might care more about a gourmet kitchen.” LAURA BARNHARDT CECH (FOR THE WASHINGTON POST)

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\$407,000 Half a block from the Cleveland Park Metro station, this five-floor brick condo building dates back to 1922 but was converted into condos in 2004. This sunny, 714-square-foot one-bedroom unit sits on the corner of the top floor. Through French doors, a wrought-iron-ledged balcony is a prime perch for spying on Connecticut Avenue traffic below. Though a passport full of nearby take-out options beckon, the kitchen offers gas cooking, Bosch appliances and an oddly placed washer/dryer closet. Beyond the breakfast bar, there's space for a decent-size dining room table. The roomy bedroom connects to a walk-in closet; the bath includes a jetted soaking tub. One floor up, a popular roof deck comes outfitted with rattan chairs and loungers and is said to offer fireworks views. (LISTED THROUGH THE EDELMANN-LOVE GROUP) KATIE KNOROVSKY



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With Experience Comes Resolve

Terps learn to handle big leads and thwart late-game comebacks

Terps Hoops

Stepping out of the locker room after halftime Tuesday night, seemingly in control of the game, Maryland coach Gary Williams couldn't help but think back to a year earlier and a similar situation against the same team.



On that night, the Terrapins led by 12 points at the break and quickly stretched the lead to 17. But over the final 12 minutes, they rushed shots and botched defenses, and the Hurricanes drained one 3-pointer after another to score an improbable comeback victory.

But, Williams is learning, it's a new year and a new team. It didn't happen again.

"We played very smart with a lead this time," said the coach, whose team faces Clemson (15-6, 3-4) Sunday.

The Terrapins (14-5) have raced out to a 4-1 ACC record and a spot atop the conference standings, and



Maryland freshman forward Jordan Williams gets fired up after hitting a basket and drawing the foul against Miami on Tuesday. The Terrapins won that game 81-59.

they've done so largely because they've been able to manage games and carry leads fearlessly.

In the last four games, Maryland led by an average of 15 points at halftime and won by an average of 28 points. The team jumped out early and refused opponents even

a flirtatious glance at a serious comeback.

The difference, both Williams and players say, is experience. Maryland's lineup is built around Greivis Vasquez, Eric Hayes and Landon Milbourne, seniors who have won and lost, by large and

small margins. They've succumbed to Miami's comeback rush last year, but also forged a few unlikely wins of their own.

"They've been through just about every situation in basketball," Williams said. "It's not going to be perfect. We're not always going to be able to build a lead coming out of

"They've been through just about every situation in basketball."

— GARY WILLIAMS, TERPS HEAD COACH

halftime, but as long as you do what you're supposed to do, you have to play like you have the lead."

Such a lineup rooted in experience could be a significant boon to the Terrapins as they move ahead in a conference schedule marked by parity more so than in any recent season. The 12-team ACC this week includes only two teams ranked in the Top 25 — No. 8 Duke and No. 22 Georgia Tech — and both have already lost at least two conference games.

"The ACC is up and down this year," sophomore guard Sean Mosley said. "Every team is pretty even. It all depends who wins more. Right now, we're playing hard, playing together as a team. A lot of teams are not." DEREK TURNER

College Tipoffs



VANDERBILT (21) AT KENTUCKY (1)

Story Line: Even though the Commodores are behind the Wildcats in the polls, they are ahead in the SEC standings. Freshman sensation **John Wall** and Kentucky look to bounce back after falling to South Carolina Tuesday. (4 P.M., SATURDAY, ESPN)

KANSAS (2) AT KANSAS STATE (11)

Story Line: The Wildcats made a statement when they beat then-No. 1 Texas at home last week. Can head coach Frank Martin and K-State make it two in a row against Top 5 teams against their in-state rival? (7 P.M., SATURDAY, ESPN)

LOUISVILLE AT WEST VIRGINIA (9)

Story Line: Rick Pitino and his slumping Cardinals will have their hands full against a Mountaineer team that's playing its first game at home since overcoming a double-digit deficit to beat Ohio State last weekend. (9 P.M., SATURDAY, ESPN)

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Leonsis Is the Man To Fix the Wizards

The Pollin family is playing hardball. In a blow to prospective owner Ted Leonsis — and the legion of Washington Wizards fans eager for the AOL mogul to take control of the moribund franchise — Washington Sports & Entertainment proclaimed this week, according to Thursday's Washington Post, that it's done exclusively negotiating with Leonsis. Until now, the talks had gone on silently, as is usually the case when \$500 million to \$600 million is on the line.



By Matt Swenson

Leonsis' offer is on the low end of that scale—probably because of the dismal state of the Wizards—while Washington Sports is trying to leverage Leonsis' status as the Capitals' owner against him. The late Abe Pollins' junior partner must be sick of being a renter at Verizon Center—which is included in the sale.

Leonsis has demonstrated that he knows how to run an organization properly.

This week's memo shows that the Pollins are frustrated with how the talks are going. Should the Pollins find a different owner, it would be a fitting finale for a regime whose mismanagement has made the franchise a joke.

Leonsis has run the Caps the right way. He was honest about rebuilding, and that honesty was rewarded by landing Alex Ovechkin in the lottery.

Over time, Leonsis has demonstrated that he knows how to run an organization properly. He has the skills the Wizards are so sorely lacking.

The team's future is in the Pollins' hands. Let's hope the powers that be reach a meeting of the minds.

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Hoyas' Depth a Question Mark

High-scoring Duke poses challenge for No. 7 Georgetown

Hoyas Hoops

As an ESPN camera panned across the Georgetown bench during the closing minutes of the Hoyas' 73-56 loss to No. 4 Syracuse Monday night, there were plenty of unhappy faces. But even more glaring was the fact that most of the players seated still had on their warm-ups.



That's because, outside of Georgetown's starting five, just two other Hoyas saw more than three minutes of action and no reserve scored a point.

While Georgetown has emerged as a contender for the Big East title behind the double-digit scoring averages of Austin Freeman (16), Greg Monroe (14.8), Chris Wright (14.6) and Jason Clark (10.8), the bench question looms large.

No matter what he says publicly, coach John Thompson III's actions show he isn't completely sure what his bench can handle. Freshman



Sophomore center Greg Monroe and the Georgetown Hoyas fell to Syracuse on Monday night after squandering an early lead.

Bench Failings
Georgetown's lack of depth was exposed against Syracuse, which overcame a 14-0 deficit Monday to win by 17 at the Carrier Dome.

- 24** Number of points Syracuse's reserves scored Monday night.
- 0** Number of points Georgetown's reserves scored in the loss; no reserve averages more than 3.5 points a game.

Hollis Thompson is the lone reserve to see action in every game.

"We have a core group that's playing significant minutes ... but I think that's probably the best for this unit," he said. "What seems to be getting lost in all that is when there are subs, when those guys are on the bench, I'm just as confident in the guys that are going in and the group that we have out there."

Heading into Saturday afternoon's showdown against No. 8 Duke, No. 7 Georgetown will be

matched up against a squad whose rotation goes nine and sometimes 10 deep. Led by seniors Jon Scheyer and Kyle Singler, and junior Nolan Smith, Duke's fast-paced offense is currently tops in the ACC, scoring more than 82 points per game.

As a result, there's a good chance somebody in the Georgetown starting five will become fatigued, or worse, get in foul trouble. The question is, when Thompson looks down his bench, where will he turn? **MARK GIANNOTTO**

Wizards' Jamison: 'It's an Embarrassment'

The Wizards

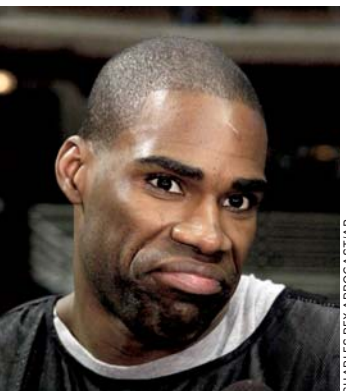
A day after NBA Commissioner David Stern announced the suspensions of Gilbert Arenas and Javaris Crittenton for the rest of the season, the mood at Washington Wizards practice Thursday was predictably reserved.

Center Brendan Haywood said he would answer only basketball-related questions, although he did give his Super Bowl prediction to a TV crew. He likes the Colts. Guard-forward Caron Butler, meantime,

declined to say anything at all.

But as he has done all season, forward Antawn Jamison represented the team in the way a captain is expected, even if it meant speaking the truth about a season that has unraveled both on and off the court. "To be honest, man, I'm not happy," Jamison said. "It's an embarrassment."

The Wizards (14-30) have lost four in a row, all at home, and own the second-worst record in the Eastern Conference. The only team below Washington in the



Wizards forward Antawn Jamison said he's struggling because of this season.

standings is New Jersey, which on Wednesday won for the fourth time this season. The Wizards visit the Nets on Friday.

"I'm struggling a little bit," Jamison said. "I thought last year was tough, but it's very disappointing. A couple years ago you're in the second round [of the playoffs] on the doorstep trying to break through, and now you're at the bottom of the pack, and you just sit there and ask questions like, 'Where did it go wrong?'" **MICHAEL LEE (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

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TRAVEL CHANNEL

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He calls himself an amateur eater, but on Travel Channel's "Man v. Food" (Wed., 10 p.m.), Adam Richman battles daunting dishes like a pro. He goes to one U.S. city per episode, visiting pig-out spots before attempting a chow-down challenge at a restaurant. He's pounded everything from an 11-pound "carnivore" pizza in Atlanta to a sumo-sized bowl of ramen in L.A. On Feb. 3, he'll tape his first live show, a pre-Super Bowl gobble fest in Miami.

What's harder: eating a lot of food or eating spicy food?

They present completely different issues. There are different levels of hot. A hot wing is not a hot burger is not a hot soup. And with quantity challenges, it's difficult to compare a large sandwich to a large omelet.

Sometimes with quantity challenges, you're dealing with overwhelming richness. Sometimes you deal with an inability to chew, like with multiple milk shakes.

Aren't carbs tough to gulp, too?

Potatoes are the demon. No dissing the beautiful people of Idaho, but the problem is, [when you eat potatoes] whatever residual moisture you have in your stomach expands. Finish a lot of carbs, take two sips of water, and suddenly you're at maximum capacity.

What's the best food you've eaten during a challenge?

The Kodiak Arrest challenge at Humpy's Great Alaskan Alehouse was delicious through and through. I loved it because it had variety. It was quantity, but it wasn't quantity

of one thing. It was reindeer sausage, green onion mashed potatoes, salmon cakes, Alaskan king crab and cobbler with fresh berries. It was sublime.

Anything you've hated eating?

In the San Jose episode, there was this Habanero chili sauce you had to leave on your face and fingers for

"Finish a lot of carbs, take two sips of water, and suddenly you're at maximum capacity."

five minutes after you were done eating. I'm pretty sure the Geneva Conventions don't allow that.

What would you say is the best food city in the U.S.?

I don't want to pick just one. There are cities like New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and New Orleans that are more established in the food pantheon. So, I'm going to mention what I consider an underrated food city: Austin, Texas. I'd also put Charleston, S.C., in that category.

What will you eat during the live challenge in Miami?

It'll be at Shula's Steakhouse — they call it the 48-ounce Club because you have to eat 48 ounces of steak. But I'm doing something psychotic: trying to eat it in 20 minutes.

Any post pig-out rituals?

I need some time, fresh air or to walk around. Sometimes, I just need to be alone. Not in a gross way, though. I love the energy of the challenge, but afterwards, I'm feeling uncomfortable and I just need to find a quiet place to reset.

KARMAH ELMUSA (EXPRESS)

Event Horizon | South-of-the-Border Super Bowl Food

Take your Super Bowl bash beyond a stale bag of Doritos and a case of PBR with a "Real Men Cook" class at Rosa Mexicano featuring how-tos for Mexican party foods such as potato chip nachos and garlic-lime pork ribs. It's free, but reservations are required. Jan. 30 at 10 a.m. Rosa Mexicano, 575 7th St. NW; 202-783-5522.

Pink Palms Qualms?

HEADING TO THE TROPICS (or planning your spring wardrobe) doesn't always require sundresses and capri pants strewn with neon flowers or Boca-bright beach umbrellas. Roberta Freymann's surf-to-sunset-cocktails botanic-print tunics (\$77), beaded clutches (shown, \$198) and sarongs just washed into Hysteria (125 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria; 703-548-1615). Girl's dresses patterned with blue monkeys or pink pigs boast a similar punchy, not-too-preppy island mood.



Grab Bag



2 Hoppy Returns

WHEN LOCALLY BREWED

Tuppers' Hop Pocket Ale disappeared from local bars and grocery stores two years ago, every hophead (fan of floury, heavily hopped beer) in town cried into his or her mug. The powerful, balanced brew — discontinued by Chantilly's Old Dominion Brewing Co. — froths over again, thanks to Hampton, Va.'s St. George Brewery, which just released new bottles (\$10 per four-pack, Whole Foods). The medium-dark portion tastes swell with gumbo or chili.

Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

I need shoes for my big Valentine's Day night out with my beau. The problem: I'm a poor college girl and don't have money to buy the shoes I'd really like. Help! — NICOLE

Manolo says, frankly, the Manolo is surprised to learn that the college girls still have the boyfriends who are willing to escort them out for the Dia de San Valentino's night on the town.

Recently, while travelling, the Manolo dined at the moderately expensive restaurant in the large Midwestern college town. There, he could



not help but notice that nearly all of the other tables were occupied by groups of well-dressed college girls, with nary the man to be seen. Meanwhile, outside the windows of the restaurant, the endless parade of college boys slumped by in their blue jeans and novelty T-shirts, baseball caps jammed backward onto their heads.

The Manolo's dining companions assured him that this was the new paradigm, that young people no longer date in the old manner. In the stead, girls get dressed up, and boys do not, then they go out for the night in their gendered packs. Sometime later in the evening, fueled by cheap beer and flaming Jagermeister shots, the various groups collide to the pulsatingly inane rhythms of Lady Gaga.

So, congratulations to the Manolo's friend on maintaining the more pleasant and enjoyable romantic tradition. Look! Here is the Prive from Calvin Klein, the elegant, black suede, platform sandal (\$98, Zappos.com) that will look appropriately sophisticated at the reasonable price.



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UBER-DESIGNER MICHAEL KORS seems to succeed at everything he does: creating laid-back luxe clothing; achieving a year-round tan; delivering the best barbs on "Project Runway" ("It just looks like a Handi Wipe gone wrong!"). Now, he brings his homegrown-yet-haute touch to his "Very Hollywood" makeup collection for Estee Lauder (\$18-\$32, department stores). Wearable pink, coral and neutral glosses, blushes and shadows subtly flatter almost any complexion. Another win.

Basket Cases

WE LOVE OUR iPhone, yet we hate the pink, rubbery, fit-for-a-preschooler case that protects it. And given the amount of time we

5 spend whipping it out for grown-up tasks (and, er, Shazam), perhaps it's time for a more age-appropriate look. The new woven vinyl covers from hip textile firm Chilewich (shown, \$40, Apple.com) boast a sturdy, tweedish texture with a decidedly adult vibe. Yet their nubby feel adds extra grip, in case we have a klutzy, kid-like moment.



3 Measure Island

THANKS TO RACHAEL, GIADA, Tyler et al., we're spending more time in the kitchen spooning out pinches of saffron or pouring out cups of fish stock. VivaTerra's new tape measure mat (\$49, Vivaterra.com) slyly reminds us that cooking, like math, requires awfully precise calculations. Woven from a rainbow of strips, the 36-inch-by-22-inch rug feels comfortable underfoot whether you're chopping leeks or steaks; the thing won't slip, either, since it's made of floor-embracing plastic.



Diary of a Mad Hoarder

After accumulating a sea of stuff, one clutterbug tries to clean up her act

The wake-up crash came when my closet collapsed. The rod, sagging for weeks, finally snapped with a dramatic, defeated WHOMP, spewing a haul of clothing (plus handbags and vintage hats from the shelf above) into the hallway.

In a flash, it dawned on me that I had a problem (cue the “Hoarders” theme). My closet wasn’t defective; I was a pack rat. In that pile, I counted 50-plus coats — faux-fur jackets, velvet capes, military pea-coats. Staring around my crowded Dupont one-bedroom home at the decorative knickknacks — enough sake cups to outfit a sushi bar, stacks of vintage fashion books — I knew I’d amassed a mass of clutter.

What I’m now calling my thing awakening coincided with a societal backlash against excess. Americans are realizing the stuff they just had to have — Manolo pumps! A sushi-roll-sized Japanese camera! A talking coffeemaker! — clog their homes and minds. “We see pendulum swings when the economy slows and people tighten their belts,” says Erin Rooney Doland, the Reston, Va., pro organizer behind Unclut-

tering the sock drawer every time I bought tights) and more money poorly spent (Look! A toaster that matches my blender!). The items weighed on my mind like they had weighed down my closet. It was time to snuff the stuff. I gave myself two weeks, and here’s what happened.

DAY 1

Fortified with caffeine, I begin to sift through the apartment, opening each drawer, scouring every shelf, even dumping out the pencil holder. Old books, outgrown clothes and knitting supplies I’d never used go into bags to throw out or donate to charity.

Some tosses were easy. The Oktoberfest hat, purchased in a lager-fueled frenzy? Goodnight, and Goodwill. But others, like vintage teacups I’d envisioned at girly get-togethers, were hard to release. Purging means “letting go of who we wish we were,” says Rooney Doland. The reality was, when friends came over, we usually ended up drinking wine from plastic cups. I put the tea set into the “donate” pile for someone else’s fantasy parties.

DAY 3

Operation Clean-Out grinds to a halt. When faced with difficult decisions — that slinky designer dress that cost half my rent but never left the closet — I have a hard time. On repeat in my head: “It’s not that I don’t like it; I just don’t need it.” Rooney Doland says most purgers struggle with emotional stuff. During her own household clean-



up years ago, she photographed things that had sentimental value so she could keep the memory, but let go of the item.

DAY 4

Real life — work, social plans, watching “Jersey Shore” — takes over, and I abandon my war zone of an apartment. In the mornings, I have to climb over the vacuum cleaner — now living in the bathroom since I began tackling the storage closet — just to brush my teeth. “It often gets worse before it gets better,” says organizer Mary Carlomagno, author of “Secrets of Simplicity” (\$20, Chronicle), which promotes the Zen-like effects of paring down. “Clutter is delayed decisions you’re finally facing.”

DAY 8

Watching A&E’s “Hoarders” (Mon., 10 p.m.) — the addictive documentary show about compulsive clutterbugs — helps kick-start my purge. I take solace in the fact that, unlike many of the show’s subjects, I’ve not found any dead animals in the debris.

Still, something Carlomagno says weighs on me. “It’s easy to organize things. We can all go to the Container Store and buy 50 shoe boxes. But you have to address why you have 50 pairs of shoes.” In other words, it’s not just my closets that need an overhaul — my spendy shopping habits do, too.

DAY 12

Finally, progress! A small truck-

load of stuff has been carted off to charity and the consignment store, and my newly fixed closet now hefts half its former load. I’m so excited about the extra space, I start another round, going through shelves I already cleaned out, asking myself, “Do I really need this birdcage/bamboo bowl/cake stand?” (The answer? Usually no.)

On a post-purge trip to Ikea, I fight the urge to restock. Wouldn’t that metal candelabra look cute on my table? But I’m reminded of one of Carlomagno’s edicts: “Living clutter-free is a challenge. You have to devote time to it every day, like exercise.” I play tug-of-war in my head, like a dieter facing birthday cake. And then, I put the candelabra back. **BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)**

“It often gets worse before it gets better. Clutter is delayed decisions you’re finally facing.” —MARY CARLOMAGNO, PRO ORGANIZER

terer.com and author of “Unclutter Your Life in One Week” (\$22, Simon & Schuster). “But they often realize that even when they lived extravagantly, they didn’t necessarily find happiness.”

In other words, more isn’t more — except, perhaps, more of a burden. My jam-packed home meant more housework (dusting cupcake stands), more wasted time (rear-

home lookout

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Divine Inspiration

Sometimes coincidence is nifty. Two films starring Paul Bettany opened last week: the biopic "Creation" and the sci-fi "Legion." In the latter, Bettany plays the angel Michael, who violates a direct order from God. In the former, he plays Charles Darwin, who some would argue is even worse.



By Kristen Page-Kirby

There's no connection between the two films other than a lead actor, a release date and a fun way to think about free will. In "Legion," angels have it: A gun-toting Michael attempts to save humanity after God has had it up to here with wickedness and, having used up his flood allotment, turns to possessed people to do his dirty work. In "Creation," Darwin writes a book that might be one of the greatest exercises of free will in history, suggesting that the God his society believed in may have fudged the way it all started.

Two movies, two characters facing a choice. Michael's is one that angels, according to myth and Milton, face often: To serve, or not to serve? The consequences for both might be the same: Angels who cross God get an eternal sauna; Darwin's wife fears that Charles will be taking a dip in the Lake of Fire for all eternity.

The big difference in Bettany's weekend, though, is that Michael never actually came to Earth and, lo, kicked much butt. "Creation" tells the tale of a book that shook the world, and we're still feeling the aftershocks.

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After his daughter is gunned down, Tom Craven (Mel Gibson) goes through her contacts and compiles a list of people to harass.

Revenge Is Served

Mel Gibson returns as a grieving father in the formulaic thriller 'Edge of Darkness'

Film Review

There's nothing especially edgy or dark, or darkly edgy, or even particularly twilit about "Edge of Darkness," at least as thrillers go. Its title is one of those generic labels, like "Compelling Evidence" or "Deadly Affair," that only hint at what's inside, without telling you the exact flavor or nutritional content.

Here's what you'll find: an elaborate — and not entirely unsatisfying — revenge fantasy about a cop who sets out to find his daughter's killer after she's gunned down in front of him on his front porch.

Did I say elaborate? Perhaps

painstaking is more like it. Like its hero, Boston police detective Tom Craven (Mel Gibson), "Edge of Darkness" is a methodical and workmanlike thing. After only about five minutes of mourning for his dead child (Bojana Novakovic), Craven washes the blood off his face and gets down to business, running through the list of his daughter Emma's contacts from her cell phone, and systematically contacting them, one by one by one. Soon, he's unearthed a vast — OK, medium-size — cabal, conspiracy and cover-up involving Emma's defense-contractor employer (Danny Huston), a U.S. senator (Damian Young) and assorted suits, goons, shysters, heavies, fixers and hired guns.

Like one of those highway machines that plows down the middle of the road painting white lines, Craven goes after each of

Quotes

High Self-Esteem

After a long hiatus from acting and an unfortunate encounter with a police officer, is Mel Gibson a humbled, apologetic version of his old self? Not according to an interview with the *Daily Telegraph*. "I am one tough mother-[expletive] and you can't bother me anymore," he said. "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger. It's really that simple." (EXPRESS)

them with single-minded focus, alternately punching, questioning, shooting, threatening, bashing over the head and cajoling in his quest for justice. Or something.

Someone asks who he is. "I'm the guy with nothing to lose who

'Edge of Darkness'

- **Director:** Martin Campbell
- **Stars:** Mel Gibson, Danny Huston, Ray Winstone and Bojana Novakovic
- **In a Nutshell:** After a young woman (Novakovic) is murdered, her father (Gibson) takes the matter of finding and punishing her killer into his own hands.
- **For Fans of:** "Ransom," "The Brave One," "Lethal Weapon"

doesn't give a [expletive]," Craven answers. (After Gibson uttered that line at a recent critics' screening, all you could hear was the sound of 40 pens scribbling in the dark.)

Surprisingly, things aren't quite so plodding as they sound. Yes, we pretty much know as soon as we meet them who the bad guys are, and who the good guys are.

With one exception. As a mysterious man named Jedburgh, who shows up knowing a little about everything, yet doesn't do much of anything, Ray Winstone will keep you guessing as to his character's allegiance until the very end. He's the best — and most ambiguous — thing about the film.

Meanwhile, the more Craven digs, the less mystery remains, until the movie is less thriller than foregone conclusion. But filmmaker Martin Campbell — director of the 2006 "Casino Royale" remake, along with the 1985 British miniseries on which "Edge of Darkness" is based — has a flair for surprise, even if the surprises are mainly of the car-speeding-out-of-nowhere variety.

The movie isn't full of twists and turns, but neither is it a long, hard slog. As a dogged and (mostly) decent hero who's not above bending the law, Gibson makes suffering — his own, not other people's — appear, well, kind of fun. Like Campbell, he appears to take pride in well-made cheese. It ain't art, but it serves its purpose. **MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)**



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Quiet Exit for Salinger

The reclusive author of 'The Catcher in the Rye' dies at 91

Obituary

J.D. Salinger, the legendary author, youth hero and fugitive from fame whose book "The Catcher in the Rye" shocked and inspired a world he increasingly shunned, has died. He was 91.

Salinger died of natural causes at his home on Wednesday, the author's son said in a statement from Salinger's literary representative. He had lived for decades in self-imposed isolation in the small, remote house in Cornish, N.H.

"The Catcher in the Rye," with its immortal teenage protagonist, the twisted, rebellious Holden Caulfield, came out in 1951, a time of Cold War conformity and the dawn of modern adolescence.

Enraged by all the "phonies"



J.D. Salinger in 1951, the same year he published "The Catcher in the Rye."

who make "me so depressed I go crazy," Holden soon became American literature's most famous anti-hero since Huckleberry Finn. The novel's sales are astonishing — more than 60 million copies worldwide — and its impact incalculable.

Salinger was writing for adults, but teenagers from all over iden-

tified with the novel's themes of alienation, innocence and fantasy. "Catcher" presents the world as an ever-so-unfair struggle between the goodness of young people and the corruption of elders.

Salinger's other books (such as "Nine Stories" and "Franny and Zooey") don't equal the influence or sales of "Catcher," but they are still read, again and again, with great affection and intensity.

When the world came calling for Salinger in the 1950s, Salinger was bolting the door. By 1952, he had migrated to Cornish. Three years later, he married Claire Douglas, with whom he had two children, Peggy and Matthew, before their 1967 divorce.

Meanwhile, he was refusing interviews, instructing his agent to forward no fan mail and reportedly spending much of his time writing in a cement bunker. Sanity, apparently, could come only through seclusion. **HILLEL ITALIE (AP)**



Saturday's Amanda Blank show at Rock and Roll Hotel promises to be a bundle of fun.

lent her vocals to songs by producers-of-the-moment Diplo and Spank Rock. The backlash was as predictable as it was vitriolic. Her raunchy Peaches-lite vocals over '80s rap beats and dirty minimal beats aren't going to set the world on fire, but live, they make for good party music. Check her out Saturday at the **ROCK AND ROLL HOTEL**.

SUNDAY

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this year's Grammy Awards? Sure that Beyoncé's "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)" will take home the Song of the Year statuette? **MAD-DY'S BAR & GRILLE** will let you put your predictions to the test during its Grammys viewing party. Arrive before 8 p.m. to fill out your picks in a number of categories.



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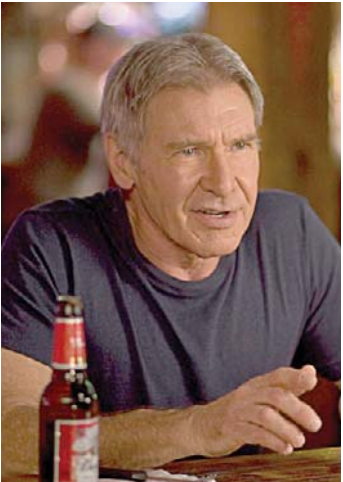
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AVATAR (PG-13, 161 minutes) As James Cameron proved in 1997's "Titanic," he has a penchant for melding spectacle and old-fashioned storytelling. Here,

the narrative fulcrum is a classic boy-meets-girl, boy-loses-girl romance. Is the dialogue corny? You bet. Does the movie go kerblooey in its final moments, during a ferocious, explosive firefight that will leave your eyeballs bleeding? Uh-huh. But Cameron has delivered what he promised with "Avatar": an ambitious, fully immersive cinematic experience. **(AH)**

THE BOOK OF ELI (R, 118 minutes) Denzel Washington beautifully inhabits the film's titular hero, a laconic, solitary gunslinger who's also custodian of a mysterious tome, carried in his backpack as he travels through a burned-out landscape populated by cannibalistic "hijackers." Gary Oldman makes a great villain, tearing into the part of Carnegie, the corrupt, small-town boss who also wants Eli's book for

his personal library. **(MO)**
CRAZY HEART (R, 111 minutes) You don't have to be a fan of Waylon Jennings, Kris Kristofferson, Merle Haggard, Townes Van Zandt, Doug Sahm and sundry other Texans and twangers to love this film. But it sure can't hurt. All those musicians are invoked by Jeff Bridges in this lovely, bittersweet romantic drama, in which he virtually channels country music's



Harrison Ford is the archetypal aloof scientist in "Extraordinary Measures."

most storied outlaws, rule-benders and heartbreakers. Bridges plays Bad Blake, a grizzled singer-songwriter now performing on the Southwestern bowling alley circuit. Thanks to a compassionate, self-aware performance by Bridges and the superbly restrained filmmaking of first-time writer-director Scott Cooper, the film never wallows in self-pity or romanticized excess. **(AH)**
EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES (PG, 109 minutes) Harrison Ford makes a lovable curmudgeon in this earnest, formulaic medical melodrama. Ford plays iconoclasm to its barking, snarling hilt as medical researcher Robert Stonehill listens to classic rock at full volume in his Nebraska lab and grumpily refuses to answer phone calls. One of the people he has been ignoring is John Crowley (Brendan Fraser), a Portland businessman who has a young son and daughter with a rare genetic disorder called Pompe disease. Based on a true story, the film can't help but grip the heart and imagination, though it often gets bogged down in meetings, business plans and PowerPoint presentations. **(AH)**
INVICTUS (PG-13, 133 minutes) Matt Damon plays Francois Pienaar, the captain of the South African rugby team the Springboks, which in 1995 won the World Cup. The movie tells the story of that unlikely and politically crucial victory, which as much as anything was the result of the gentle coaxing and adamant moral suasion of the country's new president, Nelson Mandela. Morgan Freeman doesn't play Mandela as much as inhabit the man, in a performance that seems to embody the very transcendence that Mandela himself has come to stand for. **(AH)**

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THE IMAGINARIUM OF DOCTOR

PARNASSUS (PG-13, 122 minutes) This journey behind the literal and figurative looking glass marks a gratifying return to form for Terry Gilliam. And, as Heath Ledger's last film, it arrives with particular poignancy. The title character, played by a nearly unrecognizable Christopher Plummer, is an ancient street performer who oversees a ragtag band of buskers who ply the streets of contemporary London. But beware those who venture through the mirror behind him; they will find their imaginations in a cosmic moral tug-of-war between Parnassus and the malign Mr. Nick (Tom Waits), the kind of devil you can't help but dance and make deals with. (AH)

IT'S COMPLICATED (R, 199 minutes) As Jane and Jake Adler—10 years divorced and with three grown children, yet suddenly drawn back in each other's lives (and beds) after a drunken fling over the weekend of their son's (Hunter Parrish) college graduation—Alec Baldwin and Meryl Streep pick up the movie and run away with it. The writing and direction, by rom-com veteran Nancy Meyers ("Something's Gotta Give"), are deft enough. But it's Streep and Baldwin's gamely ribald performances, and their seemingly effortless, effervescent chemistry, that put the pep in this movie's highly choreographed, yet richly entertaining step. (MO)

LEGION (R, 100 minutes) The assaulting hordes are demons and angels from heaven, and these angels and their spawn aren't taking any prisoners. God's given up on the human race and is ready to wipe us out—again. Profane, profanely silly and blasphemous to beat the band, the film begins well, then plunges into the abyss of tedium. Dennis Quaid, Lucas Black, Adrianne Palicki and others yell, "What the hell IS this?" as hell rains down on them. **ORLANDO SENTINEL**

THE LOVELY BONES (PG-13, 130 minutes) Peter Jackson's movie, based on the best-selling Alice Sebold novel, flagrantly disobeys the first law of adaptation and, indeed, of filmmaking in general: Get the tone right. And tone is the first thing sacrificed in this shapeless, overlong, mawkishly muddled pop-up illustration of a movie. The protagonist is Susie Salmon (Saoirse Ronan), who in a voice-over narration explains that she was murdered in 1973 at age 14 by a neighbor. Most of the film transpires while Susie is in "the in-between," a

candy-colored no-man's-land between heaven and Earth, where she watches her murderer (Stanley Tucci) hide in plain sight and her father (Mark Wahlberg) go mad with unresolved grief. (AH)

NINE (PG-13, 120 MINUTES) "Nine" bounces into theaters as a bright, shiny bauble of cinematic self-reference and mythologizing, begging so insistently to be loved that it winds up pushing the audience away. "Nine" is about Guido Contini (Daniel Day-Lewis), a legendary Italian filmmaker who in 1965, on the eve of directing his latest picture, finds himself creatively blocked and preoccupied with the women in his life, madonnas and whores alike. (AH)



Dennis Quaid contemplates the coming of angry angels and demons in "Legion."

BOLD FILMS

SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13, 125 minutes) Directed by Guy Ritchie ("Rockn-Rolla") and starring Robert Downey Jr., the newest contribution to the world of Arthur Conan Doyle spin-offs is less a product of genuinely Holmesian DNA than, say, "Se7en." There's black magic here, too; Lord Blackwood (Mark Strong)—who has been going around London dispensing with people—has apparently risen from the dead. In the plus column is Downey's performance. There's nothing terribly wrong with Jude Law's performance as Holmes's right-hand man, though he's considerably less stuffy than traditionally portrayed. (MO)

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TOOTH FAIRY (PG, 101 minutes) The Art-ist Formerly Known as the Rock shines as Derek Thompson, a once-promising pro hockey player now relegated to the minors who is sentenced to perform a

bizarre kind of community service after almost destroying a little girl's (Destiny Whitlock) belief in the Tooth Fairy. When bitterness over his own career setback prompts Derek to blurt out to his girl-friend's (Ashley Judd) daughter that there's no such thing as you-know-who, he finds himself with a summons from the Department of the Dissemination of Disbelief, where a sort of executive fairy

godmother (Julie Andrews) orders him to do time as one of her army of tooth fairies. (MO)

YOUTH IN REVOLT (R, 90 minutes) This comedy finds Michael Cera stuck in his same wispy, doe-eyed groove. In Miguel Arteta's adaptation of the C.D. Payne novel, audiences are still supposed to buy the 21-year-old Cera as high school student Nick Twisp, who lives in sex-ob-

sessed misery with his divorced mother. When Nick meets the disquietingly frank Sheeni Saunders (Portia Doubleday), he decides to do whatever it takes to be with her—a vow that will entail random acts of theft, arson and cross-dressing. (AH)

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TV weekend **lookout**

Best Bets

FRI
9:00



Medium (CBS) Allison (Patricia Arquette, left) dreams of a schizophrenic child, who she later meets as the seemingly well-adjusted roommate of a missing psychiatric patient. Bridgette is confused by her feelings for a boy.

SUN
7:00

A Family Is a Family Is a Family: A Rosie O'Donnell Celebration (HBO) This new special celebrates all kinds of families, from those headed by same-sex parents to single-parent households, to mixed-heritage and adoptive families. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



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Food Fare



Tough Love
On "Kitchen Nightmares" (9 p.m., Fox), which starts a new season Friday, chef Gordon Ramsey helps turn around eateries that have fallen on hard times. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

A-List Talent Show

THE 52ND ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS

CBS
8:00

Ten-time Grammy winner Beyonce, who leads the field with 10 nominations, is scheduled to perform as part of the festivities at Los Angeles' Staples Center Sunday honoring excellence in the music industry. Also look for the Black Eyed Peas, Lady Antebellum, Maxwell and Taylor Swift. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

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Washington DC

Landmark Theatres

Landmark's E-Street Cinema www.landmarktheatres.com

BACK TO THE FUTURE (PG) 12:00 Midnight
A SINGLE MAN (R) (1:40, 4:30)7:20, 9:45
THE YOUNG VICTORIA (PG) (1:20, 4:20)6:50, 9:20
WONDERFUL WORLD (R) (4:30)11:45
CRAZY HEART (R) (1:00, 2:00, 4:45)6:30, 7:30, 9:15, 10:15
BROKEN EMBRACES (R) (1:00, 4:00)7:00, 9:55
CREATION (PG-13) (2:15, 5:00)7:40, 10:10
NINE (PG-13) (4:35)9:30
AN EDUCATION (PG-13) (2:05)7:05
44 INCH CHEST (R) (2:30, 5:15)7:45, 10:00

The Avalon Theatre

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INVICTUS (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
IT'S COMPLICATED (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30
WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE (PG) 10:30 A.M.

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LEGION (R) 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
THE BOOK OF ELI (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 10:20
THE LOVELY BONES (PG-13) 12:30, 3:30, 6:45, 9:45
IT'S COMPLICATED (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13) 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:35
AVATAR 3D (PG-13) 11:45, 3:15, 7:00, 10:30
IN DIGITAL 3-D

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WHEN IN ROME (PG-13) 11:45, 2:10, 4:35, 7:05, 9:30, 12:00
EDGE OF DARKNESS (R) 10:30, 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50, 12:30
TOOTH FAIRY (PG) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15
LEGION (R) 11:50, 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:55, 12:25
EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES (PG) 11:55, 2:25, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05, 12:35
THE BOOK OF ELI (R) 10:35, 1:15, 4:05, 6:55, 9:45, 12:35
THE LOVELY BONES (PG-13) 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:20
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YOUTH IN REVOLT (R) 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10, 11:30
IT'S COMPLICATED (R) 11:15, 2:05, 4:50, 7:35, 10:30
SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13) 10:50, 1:50, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45
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UP IN THE AIR (R) 12:05, 2:35, 5:15, 7:55, 10:40
AVATAR 3D (PG-13) 11:35, 3:10, 6:45, 10:25
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CRAZY HEART (R) 11:40, 2:20, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35
INVICTUS (PG-13) 11:00, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:05

Regal Cinemas

Regal Gallery Place Stadium www.regmovies.com

THE WOLFMAN (R)
VALENTINE'S DAY (PG-13)
EDGE OF DARKNESS (R) (12:45, 2:25)3:45, 5:10, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50, 10:40, 12:30
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IT'S COMPLICATED (R) (1:30)4:10, 6:50, 9:35, 12:15
SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13) 3:50, 6:55, 9:55
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL (PG) (12:10, 2:30)4:50
UP IN THE AIR (R) (12:20)3:20, 6:40, 9:20, 11:50
THE BLIND SIDE (PG-13) 7:30, 10:25

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PRECIOUS: BASED ON THE NOVEL "PUSH" BY SAPHIRE (R) 7:15 P.M.
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THE WOLFMAN (R)
VALENTINE'S DAY (PG-13)
PREACHER'S KID (PG-13) (1:30, 4:15)7:00, 9:45
EDGE OF DARKNESS (R) (12:20, 1:20, 3:25, 4:25)6:20, 7:20, 9:15, 10:15, 11:45
AVATAR 3D (PG-13) (11:30, 12:30, 3:10, 4:10)6:50, 7:50, 10:30, 11:30
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THE BOOK OF ELI (R) (1:00, 3:55, 4:55)7:05, 8:05, 9:55, 10:55
EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES (PG) 8:30, 11:25
TOOTH FAIRY (PG) (12:45, 3:30)6:10, 8:50
THE SPY NEXT DOOR (PG) (11:55, 2:25)
SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13) (12:55)
THE LOVELY BONES (PG-13) (11:40, 2:40)5:00, 7:40, 10:15
IT'S COMPLICATED (R) (11:35, 2:20, 5:15)8:10, 11:05
SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13) (4:00)7:10, 10:20
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL (PG) (1:15, 3:40)6:05
THE BLIND SIDE (PG-13) (12:10, 3:15)6:30, 9:35

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VALENTINE'S DAY (PG-13)
EDGE OF DARKNESS (R) (1:00)4:00, 7:20, 10:20
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LEGION (R) (12:10, 2:50)6:30, 8:10, 10:50
TOOTH FAIRY (PG) (11:40, 2:15)4:50, 7:30, 10:15
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THE SPY NEXT DOOR (PG) (11:50, 2:30)
THE BOOK OF ELI (R) (1:00, 1:50)4:40, 7:50, 10:40
LEAP YEAR (PG) 3:50, 9:40
THE LOVELY BONES (PG-13) (12:30)3:40, 6:50, 10:00
IT'S COMPLICATED (R) (12:50)6:30
SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13) (12:00)3:10, 6:20, 9:30
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL (PG) (11:10, 1:40)4:10, 7:00, 9:20
UP IN THE AIR (R) 3:20, 9:10
THE BLIND SIDE (PG-13) (12:20)6:10

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THE WOLFMAN (R)
EDGE OF DARKNESS (R) (1:00, 2:00, 3:55, 4:45)6:50, 7:50, 9:40, 10:40
LEGION (R) (12:30, 3:00, 5:30)8:00, 10:30
EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES (PG) (4:15)7:10, 9:50
THE SPY NEXT DOOR (PG) (1:30, 4:10)
LEAP YEAR (PG) 6:20, 8:50
THE YOUNG VICTORIA (PG) (1:45, 4:20)6:55, 9:30
SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13) (12:50, 4:00)7:00, 10:05
AVATAR 3D (PG-13) (12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:35
AVATAR (PG-13) (1:40, 5:30)9:10
THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G) (1:10, 3:50)
UP IN THE AIR (R) (1:50, 4:40)6:40, 7:40, 9:20, 10:20
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON (PG-13) (1:20)

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THE BOOK OF ELI (R) 12:05, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:35
THE LOVELY BONES (PG-13) 1:50, 4:45, 7:40, 10:25
YOUTH IN REVOLT (R) 9:00 P.M.
IT'S COMPLICATED (R) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL (PG) 12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 6:50
INVICTUS (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
THE BLIND SIDE (PG-13) 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30

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WHEN IN ROME (PG-13) 10:50, 1:40, 4:30, 7:00, 9:35, 12:05
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PREACHER'S KID (PG-13) 10:20, 1:20, 4:45, 7:30, 10:25
EDGE OF DARKNESS (R) 11:00, 12:15, 2:00, 3:15, 5:00, 6:20, 8:00, 9:20, 11:00
TOOTH FAIRY (PG) 10:05, 12:55, 3:45, 6:35, 9:30, 12:15
11:05, 1:55, 4:55
LEGION (R) 10:45, 12:05, 1:35, 2:50, 4:35, 5:30, 7:40, 8:20, 10:20, 11:00
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TO SAVE A LIFE (PG-13) 10:40, 1:50
EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES (PG) 10:10, 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:00
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THE LOVELY BONES (PG-13) 11:50, 3:10, 6:50, 10:05
THE SPY NEXT DOOR (PG) 10:55, 1:30, 3:55
YOUTH IN REVOLT (R) 6:15, 9:05, 11:30
DAYBREAKERS (R) 6:30, 9:10, 11:45
LEAP YEAR (PG) 9:50 P.M.
IT'S COMPLICATED (R) 11:15, 2:30, 5:45, 9:00, 12:00
SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13) 10:00, 1:00, 4:10, 7:20, 10:30
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A SINGLE MAN (R) 10:35, 1:15, 4:40, 7:25, 10:15
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THE BLIND SIDE (PG-13) 4:50, 7:50, 11:10

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THE YOUNG VICTORIA (PG) 12:30, 2:35, 4:50, 7:10, 9:20
A SINGLE MAN (R) 12:40, 2:45, 5:00, 7:05, 9:15

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema

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CRAZY HEART (R) (12:45, 1:45, 3:30, 4:30)6:15, 7:15, 9:00, 10:00
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THE SPY NEXT DOOR (PG) 1:15, 3:30
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SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13) 5:45, 8:40
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: THE SQUEAKQUEL (PG) 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:35
AVATAR (PG-13) 3:00, 6:30, 10:00

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IT'S COMPLICATED (R) 10:15, 1:00, 4:00, 7:30, 10:20
SHERLOCK HOLMES (PG-13) 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:40, 10:30
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UP IN THE AIR (R) 10:30, 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00
AVATAR (PG-13) 11:30, 3:00, 6:45, 10:10

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EDGE OF DARKNESS (R) 10:45, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
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THE SPY NEXT DOOR (PG) 11:50, 2:20, 4:50
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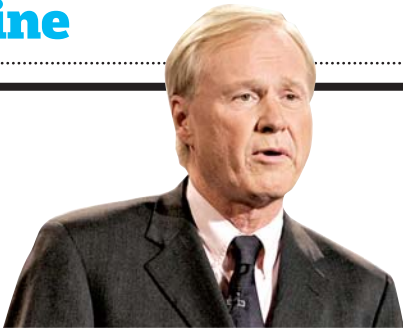
"It's a very exciting device, but I'll wait to get the 32 gigabyte 3G model."

COMMENTER MILDLYMISANTHROPIC

"The iPod touch is already large for a portable device. I can't imagine carrying something as large as the iPad around."

COMMENTER KEVIN

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— [DOUG KENDALL AT HUFFINGTONPOST.COM](http://DOUGKENDALL.HUFFINGTONPOST.COM) DIDN'T THINK THE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE'S MOUTHING OF THE WORDS "NOT TRUE" DURING OBAMA'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS WAS THE CORRECT WAY FOR HIM TO EXPRESS HIS VIEWS.

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Horoscope

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may be introduced to something new and intriguing by someone who has an air of mystery about him or her.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You run the risk of being spread too thin unless you take someone up on his or her offer to take something off your plate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The overall mood may not be as bright and eager as it might be, but you can do much to improve the group outlook of those around you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't leave certain things undone before heading out on a journey of discovery. Closure is valuable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Friends and loved ones may express their concern about a recent decision you made under pressure. Is it too late to change your mind?

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're facing a situation that threatens to get out of control if you don't do what you can to stop one or two current trends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's a good day to make plans with those who share your outlook and ambition. The hardest decision will be who is actually in charge.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The more frank you can be with those who are not completely frank with you, the more you can salvage a situation that is almost past saving.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Resist the temptation to help a friend through a difficult situation by doing or saying exactly what he or she fears.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) A new and exciting adventure begins, and you'll want to do all you can to be at the forefront, leading the way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may feel as though you are backed into a corner at this time, but those around you can help get you out of trouble in the nick of time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're likely to learn two important lessons — one from someone much younger than you are, and the other from someone much older.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 150-160, BEST SCORE 207

A ₁	E ₁	T ₁	R ₁	M ₃	K ₅	B ₃

2nd Letter Triple

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RACK 1

E ₁	I ₁	D ₂	T ₁	L ₁	L ₁	S ₁

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RACK 2

A ₁	E ₁	E ₁	E ₁	L ₁	B ₃	S ₁

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RACK 3

E ₁	O ₁	T ₁	C ₃	D ₂	L ₁	S ₁

Double Word Score

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RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

A ₁	L ₁	B ₃	U ₁	M ₃	E ₁	N ₁	RACK 1 =	61
S ₁	I ₁	D ₂	I ₁	N ₁	G ₂	S ₁	RACK 2 =	61
B ₃	A ₁	P ₃	T ₁	I ₁	Z ₁₀	E ₁	RACK 3 =	110
M ₃	I ₁	N ₁	I ₁	V ₄	A ₁	N ₁	RACK 4 =	62
PAR SCORE 195-205								TOTAL 294

FOUR RACK TOTAL

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Sudoku

DIFFICULT

		4		3	1			
	6						4	
			7				1	
	4			5			8	2
		3					7	
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		9			5			
		8						9
			4	7			6	

Yesterday's Solution

3	4	6	8	1	9	5	2	7
7	1	8	6	5	2	3	9	4
2	9	5	3	7	4	8	1	6
8	7	1	4	9	3	6	5	2
4	6	3	5	2	7	9	8	1
9	5	2	1	6	8	7	4	3
6	8	9	2	3	1	4	7	5
1	3	7	9	4	5	2	6	8
5	2	4	7	8	6	1	3	9

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Forecast

34 | 22

Today: Mostly cloudy, breezy and much colder today. A bit of snow tonight.

27 | 20

Tomorrow: Colder tomorrow with a bit of snow. Clouds breaking tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead



SUN 34 | 22 **MON** 41 | 25 **TUE** 40 | 30

Sun and Moon
 Sunrise today: 7:17 a.m.
 Sunset today: 5:26 p.m.
 Moonrise today: 5:02 p.m.
 Moonset today: 6:42 a.m.

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 Normal high: 43
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 Normal low: 27
 Record low: -2

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Crossword

ENJOY

ACROSS

1 Black-tie blowout
 5 All-points bulletin, e.g.
 10 Bryn ____ (Pennsylvania college)
 14 Unknown author (abbr.)
 15 Abraham's wife
 16 Space pioneer Shepard
 17 One way to celebrate
 19 Franco-Swiss range
 20 Prime meridian hrs.
 21 Highland boys
 22 Parallelogram with four equal sides (var.)
 24 Be less than truthful
 25 Story of one's life, briefly
 26 In a fatigued manner
 28 Spine-chilling
 30 Halloween spookier
 32 Chosen one played by Keanu
 33 ____ Tac (breath freshener)
 35 Lithium-____

battery
36 Spiritual adviser
37 One way to
celebrate
40 George Michael's
old musical group
42 Alleged mentalist
Geller
43 ___ for the books
44 Thole insert
45 Spectrum creator
47 Barton of the Red
Cross
51 Make intrusive
comments
53 Actress Massen
of "Tokyo Rose"
55 "Neither" go-with
56 Alex Haley saga
57 "Ditto," in
footnotes
58 Searched for
buried treasure
59 Australian
gemstone
60 One way to
celebrate
63 Send via Western
Union
64 With everything
counted
65 Virginia's dance
66 "All's Well That
___ Well"
67 Richly colored

violet
68 Constructed

DOWN

1 Flock of geese
2 Breakdown of societal norms
3 One who takes inventory?
4 Pundit Coulter
5 Allegro ____ (music direction)
6 Yes-man's kin
7 Acts human?
8 ____ Dawn Chong of "Commando"
9 To that, formally
10 Collegian's selection
11 Can type
12 Songbird
13 Tiny messenger material
18 Notwithstanding
23 Twain portrayer Holbrook
26 Apt rhyme for "pursues"
27 Second- person person
29 Auction unit
31 Old sound systems

34 Matrimony
prelude
36 Scottish
highlander
37 On the left side
of a ship
38 "Looney Tunes"
cartoon director
Freleng
39 Bivouac
40 Stir-fry vessel
41 Bun holder
45 "The ___ and
the Pendulum"
46 Auto show
displays

48 McArdle who
49 Beat soundly
50 Diamond-
shaped sock
pattern
52 Botanical
trunks
54 Big name in
mattresses
57 Terrible czar?
59 Be in hock
61 Collection
of memorable
sayings
62 Usher's offering

Yesterday's Solution

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
O	B	E	Y		L	A	M	E	N	S	P	I
17	O	R	E	M		L	A	M	E	N	S	P
24	T	E	N	N	I	S	L	O	B	S	T	E
29	H	E	R	O	E	S		K	N	A		
33	O	R	I	O	N		S	E	E	S		
39	H	O	C	K	E		T	E	A	M	S	T
43	U	S	E	S		A	I	N	T			
47	M	E	R									
54	B	A	S	I	L		D	E	E	P		
58	A	N	I	S	E		A	M	A	H		
62	Y	E	A	S	T		M	I	D	S		

CITED BY TIMOTHY F. PARKER

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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17					18						19			
20					21				22	23				
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28				29			30	31				32		
			33		34		35				36			
		37				38				39				
40	41				42				43					
44				45				46		47		48	49	50
51			52					53	54			55		
	56						57					58		
59					60	61					62			
63					64						65			
66					67						68			

Samurai Sudoku

DIFFICULT

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

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9			4	2			6	3			6	7		2	4			5	
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			3	1			5									3			5	7		
			8	7	5			4							9			2	7	5		

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Last Week's Solution

5	6	8	2	4	3	7			7	6	3	4	1	5	2	8	9			
7	8	9	3	4	6	1	5	2			1	8	4	2	7	9	3	5	6	
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8	7	1	6	9	5	2	4	3			3	1	5	8	2	6	9	7	4	
6	9	3	4	7	2	5	8	1			8	2	6	7	9	4	5	3	1	
4	2	5	1	3	8	7	9	6			9	4	7	1	5	3	6	2	8	
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Today in History

1845 Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven" is first published, in the New York Evening Mirror.

1936 The first members of baseball's Hall of Fame, including Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth, are named in Cooperstown, N.Y.

2009 The Illinois Senate votes to convict Gov. Rod Blagojevich of abuse of power and throw him out of office, after his arrest on charges of trying to sell Barack Obama's vacant Senate seat.

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CAREERS**A Nice Break From Cartoon Voice-Over Work**

Lucy Liu will make her Broadway debut in "God of Carnage," joining the Tony-winning comedy March 2 along with Dylan Baker, Janet McTeer and Jeff Daniels. Producers said Wednesday that Daniels, who had been in the play's original Broadway cast, will return to a different role. "God of Carnage" concerns the clash between two liberal, middle-class couples whose children get into a fight. (AP)

CONTRITION**'Forgive Me, Oprah, For I Have Sinned'**

Jay Leno says he "felt really bad" for Conan O'Brien. Leno told Oprah Winfrey on Thursday that what happened is "unfair" and that he has "regrets" that the situation wasn't handled better — but he isn't sure what he could have done differently. He said that NBC executives asked him to leave "Tonight" in 2004 because they wanted to give O'Brien the program. O'Brien has been invited to appear on Oprah's show, but an appearance hasn't been confirmed. (AP)

CHARITY**Save Haiti AND the Recording Industry!**

Quincy Jones is re-recording the charity song "We Are the World" and sending the proceeds to Haiti. The 76-year-old music legend says musicians are gathering Monday at a Los Angeles recording studio to redo the 25-year-old hit song. Jones would not confirm who will perform but said the revamped song will feature a new roster of all-star musicians. (AP)

Victims**If a Lawyer Says It, It Must Be So**

Charlie Sheen's wife is recovering at a North Carolina wellness center after an infection that nearly took her life, her lawyer said Wednesday. Yale Galanter said Brooke Mueller, 32, was flown by private plane from Los Angeles after her release from a hospital. He denied rampant Internet rumors that she was in drug or alcohol rehab. (AP)

"Why would Morgan want to be with an older, overweight man with eight kids?"

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